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AMETHYST'S DASH TO FREEDOM

Amethyst Sailing For Hong Kong

On board HMS Jamaica off China Coast, July 31. Amethyst today lay along-side the destroyer Concord, refuelling and replenishing her stores and resting personnel. She is reported to be seaworthy and due to sail this evening for Hong Kong with the Concord as an escort.

It is tentatively expected that she will reach Hong Kong on Thursday.

The cruiser Jamaica, with Vice-Admiral Madden, Second-in-Command, Far Eastern Station, is speeding North to greet her. They are expected to meet North of Taiwan tomorrow evening.

Jamaica is taking 45 officers and men who will be transferred to Amethyst. Of these 28, including three officers, were in Amethyst when she was originally attacked.

Jamaica is also carrying material and machinery for emergency repairs. For the personnel she has a huge accumulation of mail from home. For the ship and its company the Jamaica carries congratulations which have showered in from many sources.—Reuter-AAP.

Talks On Indonesian Unity

Batavia, July 31. The Indonesian Republicans and the Federalists started here today on the last lap in their conference to achieve unity on the future structure of the United States of Indonesia.

Unity on many points has already been reached in the Jogjakarta talks, and the present discussions aim at extending on the defence and financial structure and the Provisional Government.

The conference began cordially. Sultan Hamid, the President of West Borneo, presided. Sultan Hamid said that together they should aim at laying a sound edifice for the United States of Indonesia, "with a sound roof and an adequate number of rooms to house us all."

Urges Co-operation

Dr. Mohammed Hatta, the Republican Prime Minister, said no outside force could help them. Urging the conference to build up a democratic State, Dr. Hatta said that there was no problem of choosing between democracy and a totalitarian State in the case of Indonesia.

Every unit of the future State must have a proportional autonomy. He rejected the "ideological trend of the 20th-century, which tends to control the entire world from one centre. Its influence in several countries is very great," he said.

"If this trend also dominates Indonesia, the freedom we attain will disappear,"—Reuter.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (3 p.m. HKST) a very shallow depression is centred over Tonkin with a feeble trough extending along the China coast to Formosa. There is a circulation between Guam and the Philippines but no detailed information is available. From these two systems pressure rises gradually to a weak anticyclone off the E. coast of Honkoku.

Today's Forecast: Light SE wind. Cloudy with scattered light rain until mid-morning, then fair.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 84.6 deg. Fah. Minimum: 78.9 deg. Fah. Rainfall: 0.4 mm.

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Runs Gauntlet Of Red Fire In Daring Escape Guns Blaze Reply To Communist Batteries BREAKS YANGTSE BOOM

London, July 31.

H.M.S. Amethyst steamed at full speed down the Yangtse River to freedom last night with all guns blazing at Chinese Communist stations that had held the vessel trapped since April 20, an informed naval source here said today.

This source said the frigate which was battered by Communist shells and grounded 150 miles up the Yangtse four months ago, slipped anchor shortly before midnight and started off at full steam, astern of a river steamer.

The moon was setting at midnight so the night would have been fairly dark even at the start and pitch black for most of her seven and a quarter hours passage to the sea.

This source gave detailed account of the gallant ship's remarkable bolt to the sea, which her already decorated radio operator, Jack French, terminated when he laconically tapped out "Rejoined Fleet. No damage or casualties. God Save The King."

The dash to the sea was made at an estimated 22 knots. Amethyst's presence was discovered about 20 minutes after the trip started when the river steamer ahead was challenged by flames from the bank.

Amethyst reported she came under heavy artillery fire to which she replied in self-defence. A Communist gunboat, in the confusion, was fired upon by Red shore batteries.

Heavy Fire

Near Rose Island Amethyst reported "Am under heavy fire and hit," and 10 minutes later "Still under heavy fire." No further mention of the voyage was made until about a half hour after the ship reported passing Bate point which is 15 miles above Kiang-yn.

Then came the reports "Under heavy fire off Kiang-yn," and 12 minutes later, "Still under heavy fire, nearing boom."

This was the crucial part of the passage. Numerous guns were firing at Amethyst and she had to break through the boom, the strength of which was uncertain. Then followed an anxious wait of two hours. Then at 0242 she stated she had made just "100 yd" which was taken to mean she had completed the first 100 miles of the 150-mile passage. The next signal, some two and a half hours later, was "Wooing in sight" followed later by her report of rejoining the Fleet.

This source said "For at least eight hours every officer and man was at his action or damage control station. By the time Amethyst rejoined Concord she had only a few hours of fuel left."

Captain R. T. White in the Concord (sister destroyer to the Concord) with two other destroyers are outside the mouth of the Yangtse and Vice-Admiral Madden in the cruiser Jamaica is on his way to join them.

Rejoins The Fleet

HMS Amethyst rejoined the Fleet at 8:30 a.m. yesterday after successfully running a gauntlet of heavy Communist artillery fire on the banks of the Yangtse without sustaining any damage or casualties, the Admiralty announced last evening.

Shelled by Communist shore batteries and grounded after she was badly crippled last April 20, she has been on half rations since the beginning of this month. In defiance of her Red watchers, she slipped her cable at 10.12 p.m. on Saturday to escape down the Yangtse.

King Orders: "Splice The Main-Brace"

London, July 31.

King George today sent hearty congratulations to the men of the Amethyst and ordered them to "splice the main-brace"—the traditional Navy signal for an extra issue of rum.

The King's personal message, addressed to Admiral Sir Patrick Brind, the Commander-in-Chief, Far East, said: "Please convey to the Commanding Officer and Ship's Company of H.M.S. Amethyst my hearty congratulations on their daring exploit to rejoin the Fleet."

"The courage, skill and determination shown by all on board have my highest commendation. Splice the main-brace." (Signed) George R.—Reuter.

HMS Amethyst immediately came under heavy fire from shore batteries which had been watching her for months and had frequently threatened her destruction. She managed to get past this initial opposition, and at 1 a.m. yesterday, by skilful navigation without the help of a pilot she reached Kiang Yin forts.

Once again she came under heavy fire, but succeeded in negotiating a boom and an extremely difficult part of the river without serious damage or casualties.

At 2:30 a.m. she was still on her way down river. At 5:30 a.m. reports reached the Fleet that HMS Amethyst passed Woosung Forts and met HMS Concord. Apart from the composition of the forts and batteries, her passage was a superb feat of piloting, carried out at high speed on a pitch dark night.

A strong current and a flooded river accentuated the all round difficulties of the Yangtse. She sustained no casualties.

The first signal she made on meeting HMS Concord was: "Have rejoined the Fleet South of Woosung. No damage or casualties. God Save The King."

Welcome Back

The Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station, replied as follows: "Welcome back to the Fleet. We are all extremely proud of your most gallant and skilful escape and that the endurance and fortitude displayed by everyone has been rewarded with such success. Your bearing in adversity and your daring passage to-night will be epic in the history of the Navy."

The outstanding feature of this operation was the skill with which it was planned and the determination with which it was conducted. Timing was a vital factor.

JMS Amethyst hardly had enough speed to slip after dark and to pass Woosung forts before dawn, having negotiated varying currents, sand banks and sharp turns during the 140-mile passage, arriving with only a little of fuel remaining.

Attack Recalled

Amethyst had been at anchor in the Yangtse since last April 20, when she was shelled by Chinese Communist shore guns and ran aground on Rose Island, 60 miles down-river from Nanking, adds Associated Press.

This was before the fall of Nanking to the Communists. At that time British casualties included 17 dead and 20 wounded.

Normally the Amethyst carries 102 men, but only 88 were on board when the frigate made its dash to freedom.

Amethyst was one of four British warships that were fired on in the Yangtse in April. The gunfire killed 44 British sailors in all.

The British had been negotiating with the Chinese Communists for Amethyst's release. The negotiations bogged down about June 1. The Communists were demanding reparations on behalf of 254 Red casualties in the battle with the British vessels.

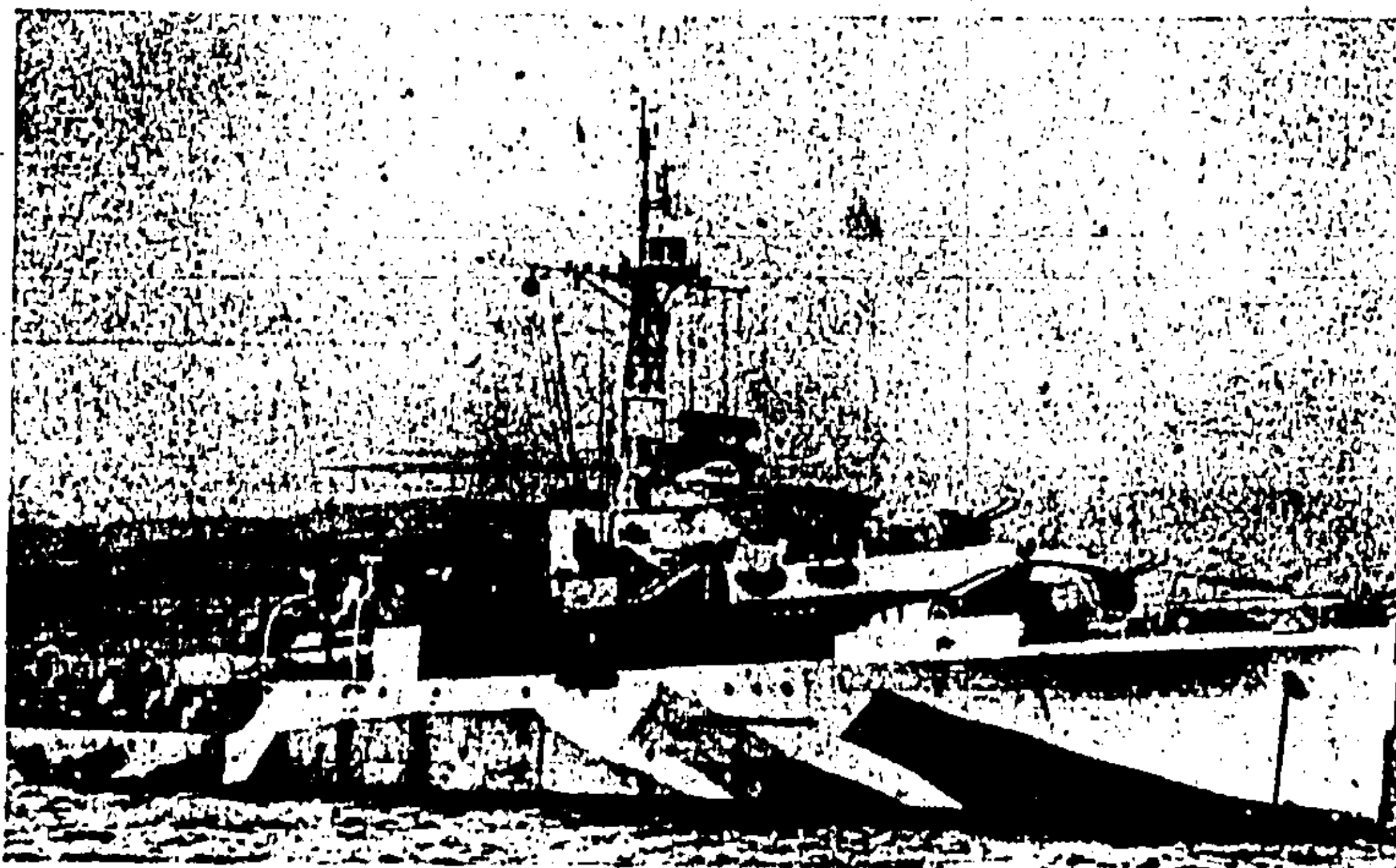
The frigate had been reported able to move under her own steam, but had been pinned down by the shore Communist batteries.

The Admiralty said Amethyst's commanding officer is Lieutenant Commander J. S. Kerane.

Attlee's Message

This message from the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, was relayed to the Commander-in-Chief of the Naval Forces in the Far East, Sir Patrick Brind: "Personal from the Prime Minister. I will be grateful if Amethyst will pass the following to the Commanding Officer, and crew of the Amethyst for their gallant exploit."

The Admiralty Board radioed Sir Patrick: "All our sympathies go to you and to Amethyst." United Press and Associated Press.



Pictured above is HMS Amethyst whose daring dash down the Yangtse River in defiance of Communist shore batteries has added another breathtaking chapter to the glorious annals of the Royal Navy.

CHANGTEH OCCUPIED BY LIN PIAO'S FORCES

Canton, July 31.

The Chinese Communists have occupied Changteh, an important rice bowl city 100 miles North West of Changsha, according to usually reliable Chinese reports reaching Canton.

Changteh was occupied by troops of General Lin Piao's 39th Army striking from the North, East and West. They have pushed South Westward from Changteh to Taoyuan, approximately 17 miles away.

Taoyuan is on the highway to Chingkiang, in Western Hunan Province, the occupation of which would cut off all escape routes from Shaoyang. The Hunan Provincial Government evacuated to Shaoyang last week.

A Chinese Army spokesman said in Canton today that Changteh, junction of the Chang-Kiang and Canton-Hankow railways, had been re-occupied by Government troops.

Earlier, it was reported that Communist troops taking part in the occupation of Chuchow had pushed forward to position South West and North West of the city, leaving only 1,500 troops to defend Chuchow.

Chinese reports added that Nationalist troops had advanced to a point 18 miles East of Lienhua, which is inside Kiangsi Province, 80 miles East of Hengyang.

Reports reaching here indicate that the Nationalist forces—presumably those of General Pao Chung-hsi—are offering stiff resistance at points not anticipated by the Communists.

No further news has been received here from Changsha, the provincial capital of Hunan. Skirmishes are reported to be continuing at points about five to six miles East of the city.

regrouping and reorganising for a showdown battle at Hengyang. The outcome of this battle will decide if Kwantung can be defended or if the Government will be forced to abandon Canton for a prepared base in the South West, probably Chungking, to await another Communist campaign.

President Li's reports of the complete success of his Taiwan mission set at rest for the time being the rumours previously being whispered around that he might retire to his native city, Kweilin, and turn over all activities as head of the government to Generalissimo Chiang.

This rumour cropped up when it was announced that Kweilin would be the last stop of his projected tour.

The talks at Taipei were believed to have erased the last doubts from the Acting President's mind that the Generalissimo was co-operating to the fullest—Reuter and United Press.

Acting President Li Tsung-shan returned today from Taipei where throughout the week he conferred with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and other high ranking officials on the critical position of the Chinese Government.

He is expected to swing into a new round of meetings with policy makers here on plans to meet the crisis.

His close associates here, on the basis of a radiophone report to Canton from President Li today, and the conferences at Taipei had been most successful and that much was accomplished toward halting the disintegrating government.

According to President Li's closest associates here the Taipei meetings were fruitful not only in that they effected an understanding between the Generalissimo and President Li but in settling the differences between Central China Commander Pao Chung-hsi and Taiwan Governor Chen Cheng.

The main issue between the most powerful military commanders left to the Nationalists was the transfer of troops from Taiwan to the mainland for a continued struggle. Governor Chen, up to now, has ignored all appeals to reduce the island's garrison in order to hold the defences of South China.

President Li returned during a temporary lull in the Northern Hunan front, as both sides are regrouping.—Associated Press.

Siege Of Consulate Ends

Shanghai, July 31.

The sit-down siege of the American Consulate virtually ended at 6.30 p.m. today after 50 hours with a decision to continue negotiations elsewhere on Monday morning in the presence of an official of the labour union as mediator.

Consulate workers' representatives agreed to ask a municipal labour mediator to enter the case and the first session is to be held at 9 a.m. on Monday.—United Press.

New U.S. Policy

Meanwhile, in Washington the Administration, angered by fresh Communist outrages in China, moved further today toward the development of a brand new policy in the Far East.

In recent months, with the Communists winning victory after victory, the Administration's policy has been that the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, called "waiting until the dust settles."

Today, Mr. Acheson announced the completion of a panel of consultants which will help the State Department "in an objective appraisal of Far Eastern problems in general."

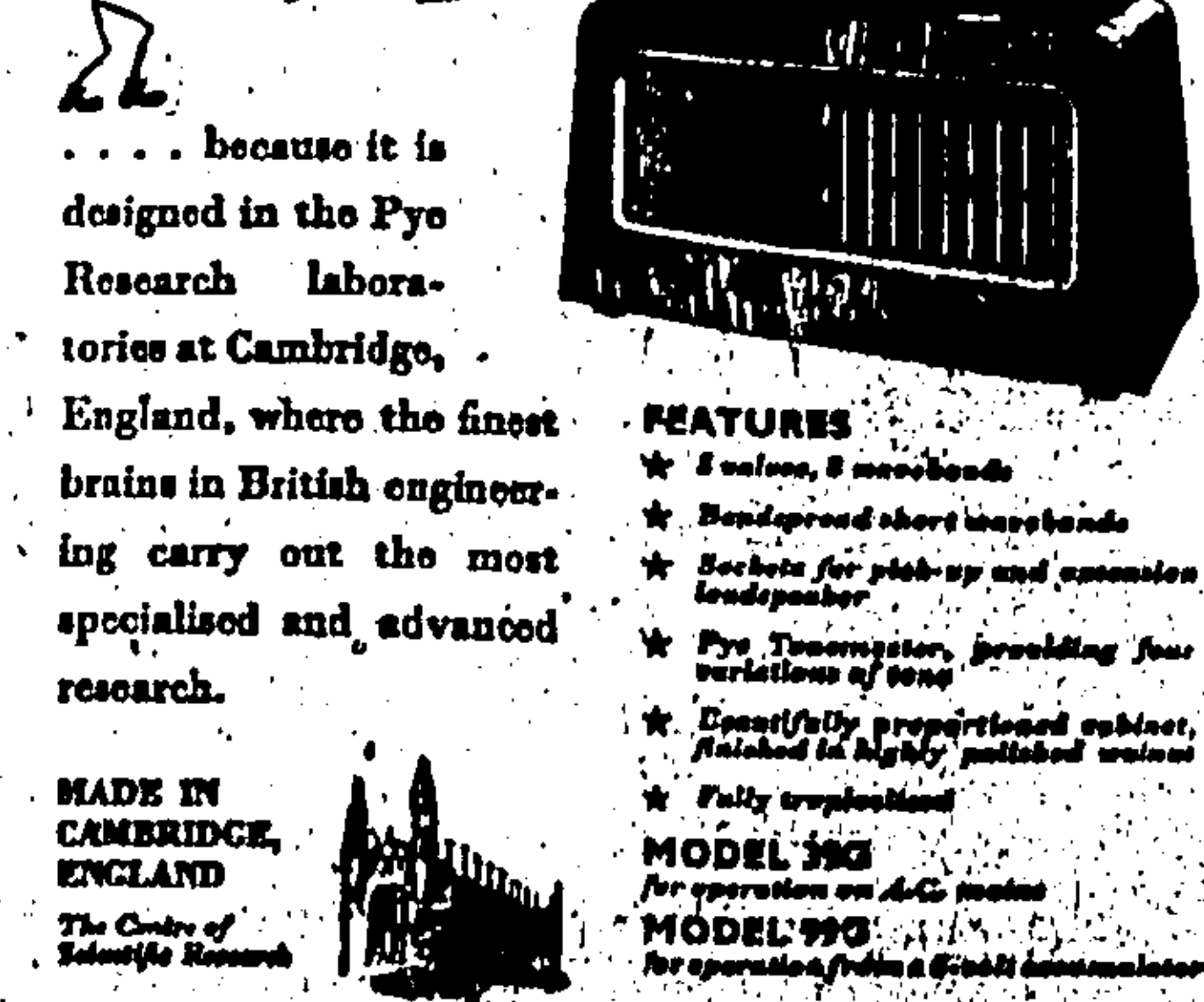
On the basis of this study, which Mr. Acheson has said he will take up with the House Foreign Affairs Committee when it is completed, the Department is expected to formulate plans for checking further Red advances in Asia.

Named to the panel of consultants are Dr. Raymond Bland, Fordham University, and Dr. Robert C. Marsh, President of Colgate University. They will work with Ambassador-at-large Philip Jessup, the Assistant Secretary of State designate, Mr. Walter W. Butterworth and other Far Eastern experts on a comprehensive review of the United States Far Eastern policy.—United Press.

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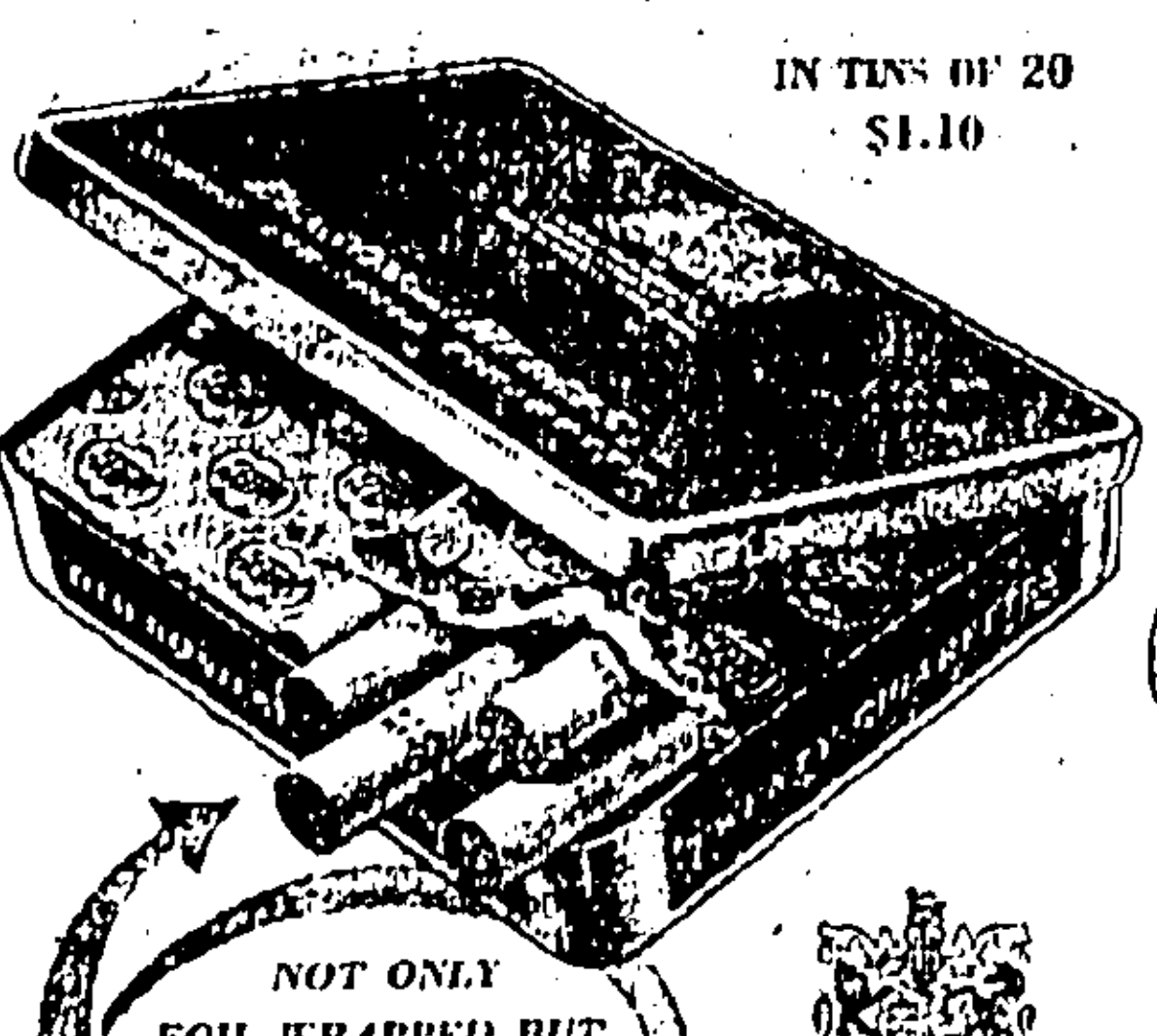


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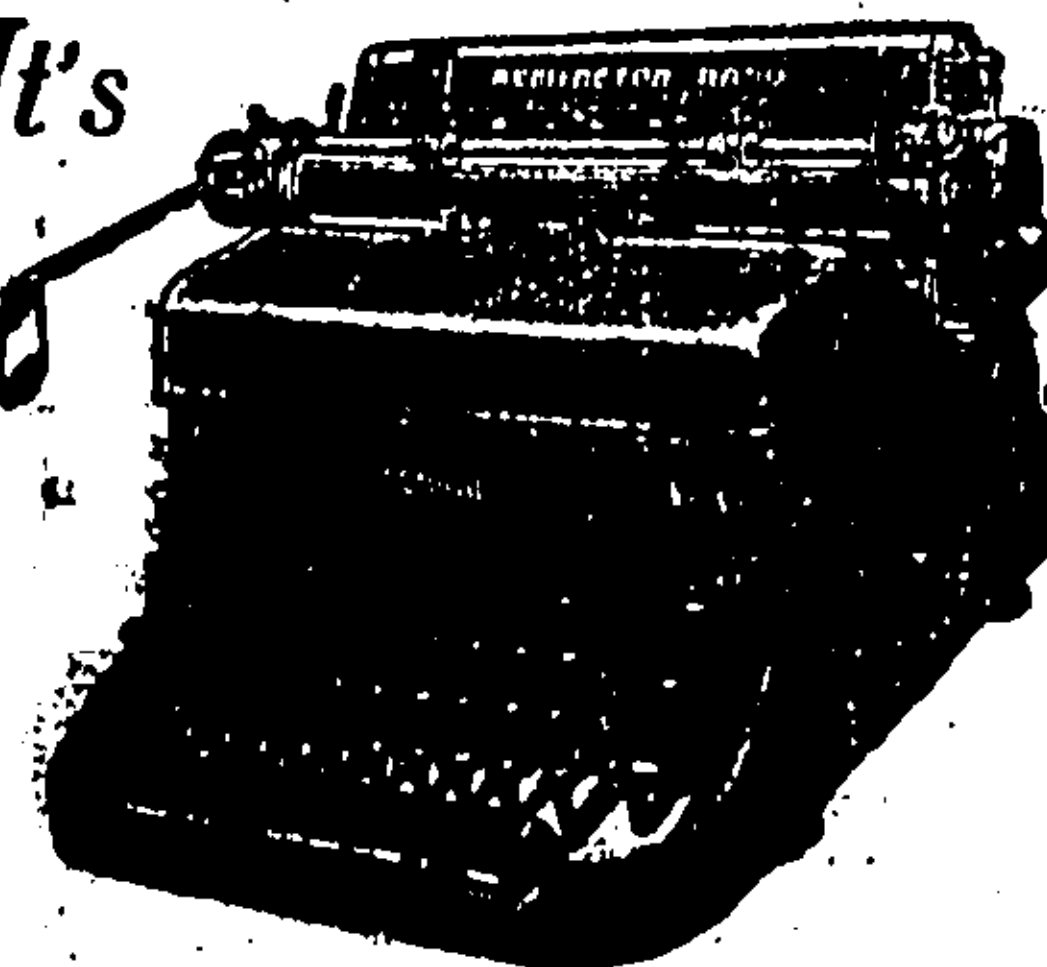
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Intended for the P. and O. Company's service between London and Calcutta, the first of the two new motor cargo ships of 10,500 tons deadweight, the "Commanore", has just completed her trials.

Built by Barclay, Curle & Company, Ltd., on the Clyde, the new ship is of the open deck type with a length of 435 feet. Her cargo space totals 550,000 cubic feet, of which 20,000 cubic feet are for refrigerated cargo. The latter space can be extended, if necessary, to 100,000 cubic feet.

Serving her five holds, the "Commanore" is equipped with eight five-ton, eight 10-ton and one 30-ton derricks.

A single screw motor vessel, the new cargo freighter has accommodation for 12 passengers in comfortable single and double cabins. Ample deck space, a comfortable lounge and a dining room will make trips more comfortable.

The propelling machinery consists of one set of Barclay, Curle-Doxford opposed piston, solid-injection engines, developing 6,000 b.h.p. to give a service speed of 14 knots.

The "Commanore" has the traditional P. & O. black hull and stone-coloured upperworks. She will load at Antwerp and Rotterdam before going to London where she will take on additional cargo for Colombo, Madras and Calcutta.

Her sister ship, the "Commanore", is expected to be completed by the end of September this year.

Pakistan Independence Day C'tee

At a meeting held at The Mosque, Shelly Street, on Saturday Mr. Ferroz Ali was unanimously elected chairman of the Working Committee for the celebration of Pakistan Independence Day, on Sunday August 14, 1948.

The main ceremony will be held at The Mosque, Shelly Street, and special arrangements have been made for the entertainment of the children.

Members elected to serve on the Working Committee: Mr. Ferroz Ali, Messrs. Firdos Khan and Yusuf Khan, Vice-chairmen, Kushi Mohammed, Hon. Sec., T. M. Khan, Hon. Treasurer, S. D. S. Bakhary, Mohammed Ali, Allah Dad, Zia-ur-Rahman, Abbas Khan, Fazal Shah, Ghous Mohammed, Mir Akbar, Rehman Ali, Abdul Aziz, M. A. Khan, Lal Din, Shah Mohammed, Mohammed Khan, Lal Khan, W. M. Mehal.

Annecy Tariff Meeting Ends

Annecy, France: July 30. The Annecy tariff and trade conference officially ended today. But negotiations will continue until the end of August.

One of the main questions still before the conference is Britain's demand for international emergency measures to control primary commodity prices, such as rubber.

A British proposal which would permit such devices as price control and the withholding of supplies by international accord has been sent to the working party, which was expected to return to London on Tuesday.

The United States is opposing the British proposal.—Reuter.



Miss Elfrida Bertha Garcia was married to Mr. Jose Ernesto Antonio at the St. Margaret's Church yesterday by Father Liberatore. The newly-weds are spending their honeymoon at Repulse Bay. "China Mail" Photo.

Official Notices, Appointments

Mr. Gordon John Bell has been appointed to be a Senior Scientific Officer, Royal Observatory, on probation, with effect from July 2.

Mr. Thomas George Stokes has been appointed to be a Senior Executive Officer, Class I, supplementary to establishment, with effect from April 25.

Mr. Arthur Leslie Po'ar has been appointed to act as a Principal, Education Department, with effect from July 9 during the absence of Mr. W. J. Dyer.

Mr. Edward Arthur Chater has been appointed to be a Food Officer.

Dr. Eric George Vio has been appointed to act as Honorary Consul for Italy at Hong Kong.

Mr. Frederic D. Schulteis has been provisionally recognised as Attaché to the American Consulate-General at Hong Kong.

Senhor Faustino Antonio Xavier has been empowered to act as Honorary Vice-Consul for Brazil at Hong Kong.

The Reverend Albert K. Reiten has given the Governor satisfactory evidence of his appointment to the Presidency in Hong Kong of the China Peniel Missionary Society.

Unless cause is shown to the contrary within three months, the name of the Tan Peng Choon Banking Company, Limited, will be struck off Register of Companies and the company dissolved.

Cancellation of the Memorial of Re-entry on Sal Kunk Island L. No. 6 and Island Lots Nos. 4877 and 4878 have been registered according to law.

Beginning next year, the cost of connections with Government sewers or storm water drains will be charged against the owner of the property for which the connections are required. Meanwhile, the Drainage Office of the PWD will continue to make the necessary connections on requests made in proper form and approved.

Wedding Antonio - Garcia

Two popular local Portuguese families were united in marriage yesterday when Miss Elfrida Bertha Garcia, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Garcia, was married to Mr. Jose Ernesto Antonio, eldest son of Mrs. Sarah Rozario Antonio, at St. Margaret's Church.

The Colony's shipping circles gathered in full force at the "Salao Luis de Camoes" of the Club Lusitano last evening where the reception was held.

Father Liberatore, officiated at the ceremony. Dr. Olinio Sousa, best man for the bridegroom, toasted the newly-weds.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a princess-cut silk lace bodice and silk and tulle skirt. She carried a bouquet of white gladioli.

Bridesmaids were Misses Theresa Garcia, Pacita Antonio, Diane d'Almeida and Sari Antonio. They wore powder blue and silk net-trimmed with pink flowers and carried pink posies.

Miss Elaine Brown was the page girl in blue tulle gown, embroidered with yellow flowers. Accompanying her as page boy was Master Sergio Sousa.

Mr. Edward James Brown was best man for the bride. For her going-away dress, Mrs. Antonio wore light blue crepe dress with ballerina cut skirt and pink accessories.

Honeymoon

The honeymoon is being spent at the Repulse Bay Hotel.

Among those who were present at the Club Lusitano were Captain Ian Jenkins, Captain J. H. McLaren, Mr. Mak Sul-che, Mr. Hung Yat-hing, Mr. C. O. Bapista, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Ismail, Mr. N. Botelho, Mr. D. A. Rozario, Mr. F. A. Marques, Mr. C. Azeo, Mr. L. Ribeiro, Mr. and Mrs. L. Asome, Mrs. Santos and Miss Santos, Mr. and Mrs. Roy-lance, Miss N. Luz, Mr. M. Sequeira, Mr. Peter Rull, Mr. Paul Seth, Miss A. Luz, Mr. E. Cunha, Mr. L. Remedios, Mr. and Mrs. Mok, Mr. Nania, Mr. and Mrs. Abbas, Mr. G. Brook, Shaw, Mrs. R. Luz, Mrs. C. Remedios, Mrs. and Miss O. Rumjahn, and Mr. and Mrs. Costa.

Both the bride and groom are on the staff of Everett Steamship Corporation.

Mr. Alex Garcia is one of the oldest shipping veterans in the Colony. He is in the Freight Department of the American President Line.

St. John's Cathedral Centenary Year Service

A special service to mark the Centenary Year of St. John's Cathedral was held yesterday and largely attended by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham and Lady Grantham and Sir Arthur and Lady Morse.

The Rev. George She read the first lesson and Sir Alexander the second lesson.

The Very Rev. A. P. Rose, M. A., preached the sermon. The Rev. Rose said:— "The problem that we all face is whether we shall seek to be part of a creative minority or a dominant majority. I don't think anything else is a live option for the majority of those here this morning. For the crowd and the masses do not come to church nor are likely to do so. Our Lord told us clearly that those who enter in by the narrow gate are few. But we should never be discouraged by our fewness.

"Whether in the Church or elsewhere it is the few who change the face of the world, and the few who are the creative agents of God's purpose. It is the creative minorities which inject new life into men and societies, and upon them great states and dynasties are founded. It is all one to God to save by many or by few.

"And, we might add, his first step is to save by few. Toyner shows us that it is only later, when the creative few have established their worth and work, that they become a dominant group, and seek to maintain their primacy by dominance. But that is the beginning of their decay. Domination without the divine spirit of creativity will not long hold sway over men.

"We are familiar enough with the position of a special minority in Hong Kong, and have reason to think its contribution has not been altogether negligible. This large population is maintained in peace, health, comparative usefulness and prosperity by a few, and this has always been the case. And the few have achieved this not chiefly by force and dominating but by their creativity.

"I hardly need say that this minority group has not been only British. From the days of the Co-hong, Mowqua, and Houqua, there have been Chinese both famous and humble whose creative genius has contributed alongside that of the Europeans to the growth and stability of Hong Kong.

"And contrary to the unconsidered opinion of some, the Europeans have served the Chinese for the last 100 years. It is well known, of course that good and scarce servants have special privileges, and sometimes bully their employers. But that happens even in Russia where chauffeurs have chauffeurs to drive them to work, and arbitrary way towards their employers. The truth is still that the chief remains chief because he is the servant of all.

"The danger with any creative minority, whether in church or state is that it rests on the ease of its success. Success offers domination, and domination ends creativity and brings decay.

"Whether it is Church, State, studium or commerce, when the creative minority seeks to maintain its position by domination, it is dead.

"You may say 'Isn't the seeking of significance one of the minor curses of Hong Kong?' There I think we return to the distinction between the creative and the dominant minority. Those who are creative are content to let it remain obscure and themselves unrecognized. For they know that their creativity is not their own and that to exercise it is its own reward. Their reward is from God not men. But those who think that this world is all there is, and the praise of men the only praise, they have to dominate to achieve significance. This world is all there is, for the Communist and therefore he must seek to dominate. And for such a one since the earthly community is the only one, the only significance he can achieve may be evil if he is tied to the service of a community gone bad.

"But the Christian's community is that strange thing called the Kingdom of God, not the world.

It is what he but what God is making of it. It is in the world and yet not of the world, coming and yet not fully come. Its immeasurable goodness is always enough to redress the balance of what is evil in the actual community, so that if a man seeks his significance in the heavenly kingdom he cannot be led astray by the evil of the actual. And in that Kingdom his significance must be creative and in service. How could it be to dominate?

"We are the small group of colonists from that Kingdom. We are not worthy to be such. We are not nearly good enough. But it is enough that we keep loyal and in touch with the mother country. God has given us this task; and if we keep our hearts open to him he will not forsake us. The task will then not lose its reward, and those who seek to be first will be content to be the servants of all."

Social Security In Singapore.

Social insurance schemes covering illness, old age, unemployment, employment injuries, death of wage earners, and maternity, are being planned for Singapore.

It was officially announced in Hong Kong yesterday that a Five-Year Plan for expansion of social welfare services in Singapore was tabled at the Singapore Legislative Council meeting on Friday.

The proposed new plans follow other plans for the expansion of medical, housing, and education services, all of which were formulated since the end of the war.

Outlining the new proposals over Radio Malaya, Singapore Secretary for Social Welfare, Mr. T. F. McNeice, said that the social insurance question was being studied by a committee.

Extensive investigations would be necessary, he added. He also outlined training schemes in social welfare work for local recruits including specialised courses in the United Kingdom which will enable Singapore to build up over a period of years, a body of trained professional officers who will operate social welfare in Singapore as it should be operated, as a skilled technical social service recognisable as an essential and primary function of good government.

Special Allowances

Meanwhile special allowances will be paid in the next three years to the aged, widows and orphans, sick and temporarily unemployed, subject to means and time tests.

The proposed new plan also calls for increase in youth institutions including immediate establishment of girls clubs and hostels for working boys and girls.

The work of Singapore's 21 existing children social centres is to be centralised into 18 which will be housed in permanent buildings, four during 1948.

For children over 12 years, Government will directly operate 14 boys and eight girls clubs, and non-official organisations will be encouraged to establish other clubs. Eleven hostels for working boys and girls are to be opened.

Two permanent camps with hatted accommodation will be built and loaned to youth organisations for camping activities.

Homes are to be built for blind, deaf and dumb, mentally undeveloped and crippled children.

Cost of these schemes will be nearly £2,000,000, part of which will be borne by British Colonial Development and Welfare Fund.

COURT BREVITIES

Chan Suk-tin, aged 22, was sentenced at Kowloon on Saturday to four months' hard labour for larceny of a jacket, a fountain pen and a wrist watch.

He was further charged with unlawful pawning of the stolen articles on "three counts" and obtaining goods by false pretences.

Facts against defendant were that on February 27, defendant went to his friend's home and stole the jacket and the pen. A few months later defendant went to another friend's home saying that Ng Wing, the owner of the jacket and the pen, needed a watch for his driving test. As a result his second friend gave him a wrist watch which he later pawned.

Both complainants reported to the police who found that Ng had not asked defendant to borrow a watch.

On July 23, defendant was seen in Temple Street by Ng who had him arrested.

The jacket, valued at \$20, was pawned for \$6, the pen, valued at \$14, for \$7, and the wrist watch, valued at \$68, for \$30. All articles were recovered.

Asked whether he had anything to say, defendant, who had two previous convictions for the same type of offence, said that he was put back to school by his father after his release from prison. He further said that he is at present on his summer holiday. He was sentenced to four months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Charged with larceny by servant, a 21-year-old man was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon on Saturday.

Defendant, an employee of the Sun Mutual Company, stole from the company's engine room a copper caterpillar and four copper tops, total value being \$100.

He was arrested by police a few hours later when about to sell the articles to a shop in Lai Chi Kok Road.

While in a temple in the New Territories, Yau Ming, aged 34, stole an umbrella from a woman.

He was charged on Saturday with simple larceny and was fined \$35 or three weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

Corporal Frank Laverick, aged 29, was charged at Kowloon on Saturday with being found in a dwelling house.

The prosecution alleged that on Friday, defendant was found in Room 309 of the Miramar Hotel.

He was further alleged to have been in the room for unlawful purposes.

He was remanded for three days in military custody.

Sun Kam-fai, aged 20, who claimed to have come from Shanghai via Canton to locate a friend, but failed, was charged at Kowloon on Saturday with snatching a handbag from a woman in Saigon Street near Parkes Street.

He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment with hard labour and to be deported for life.

He was further ordered to receive six strokes of the cane.

The handbag which was recovered, contained \$35.40 in cash, seven Chinese silver coins, a U.S. coin, an identity card and two gold teeth. The total value was \$110.

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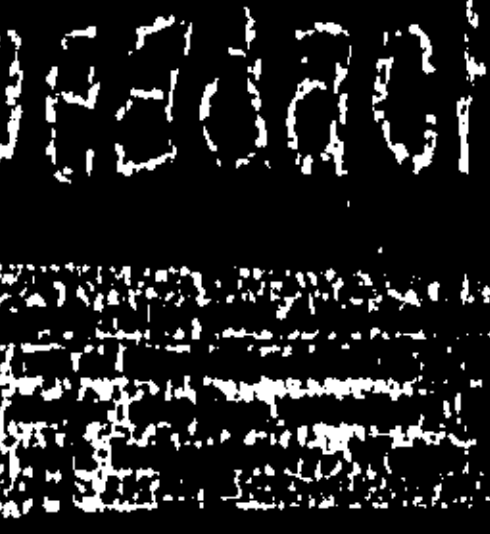
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MINED VESSEL CARRIED 1,500 CHINESE TROOPS

The China Merchant Steam Navigation Company's vessel, ss. Chiao Jen, which struck a mine on Thursday while sailing in Lin Tin Sea, about three to four miles west of the Colony, was carrying more than 1,500 Chinese soldiers of the Nationalist 107th Division, 50th Army, from Kwangchow to Whampoa, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

Mr. Hsia Wen-cheng, the vessel's Second Mate said that the only damage sustained was to the vessel's rudder, propeller and a tail-shaft. The vessel was splattered with mud at many places, including the bridge which is more than 35 feet from the waterline and is about two hundred feet from the stern of the vessel.

Mr. Hsia said that a loud explosion was heard coming from the vessel's port quarter at about 12.50 p.m. on Thursday.

As the vessel was also carrying some ammunition, the master of the vessel, Mr. Wong Chuen-chun, at first thought that the ammunition had exploded. He immediately ordered a sharp turn to port and attempted to jettison the vessel on a nearby island.

However, after investigation it was discovered that the explosion had not occurred within the vessel's hull. Anchors were immediately lowered and a diver was sent down to make a thorough check of the ship's rudder and propeller. When the diver came up again he brought with him a piece of wire measuring about six to seven yards long.

Native-Made Mine

The vessel's officers believed that the piece of wire is a part of the mine which they believe was a native-made one since although it gave a loud explosion, it did not cause major damage to the vessel.

Just before the explosion occurred, a Chinese Maritime Customs cruiser, "Hai Yang" of Y8, was patrolling in that area. She was sailing in an opposite direction to the CMSN vessel and four minutes after the two vessels passed one another, the explosion occurred.

Mr. Hsia said that an officer of the cruiser told him that during the explosion, the CMSN vessel was enveloped in thick smoke.

After the explosion was heard, the cruiser turned around and inquired whether the damaged vessel needed any aid. A cable message was sent to the damaged vessel's local and Canton offices by the cruiser as the radio equipment of the ss. Chiao Jen was temporarily put out of commission.

At about 5.30 p.m. on the same day, two CMSN tugs arrived at the scene. They towed the damaged vessel to Tai Shan, a pilot station just south of the Boca Tigris where the vessel and the tugs spent Friday night. On the following day, another CMSN vessel, ss. "Ting Chu", arrived at Tai Shan. The troops and their equipment were then transhipped to the second vessel. On Saturday night the damaged vessel was towed into the Colony by the tugs. She is now berthed at Stonecutters anchorage.

Mr. Hsia said that when the accident occurred, the master of the ss. Chiao Jen was told by the officers of the cruiser that Lin Tin Sea was a safe zone for navigation.

Sabotage Suspected

This was probably one of the reasons that the officers of the ss. Chiao Jen believed that the ves-

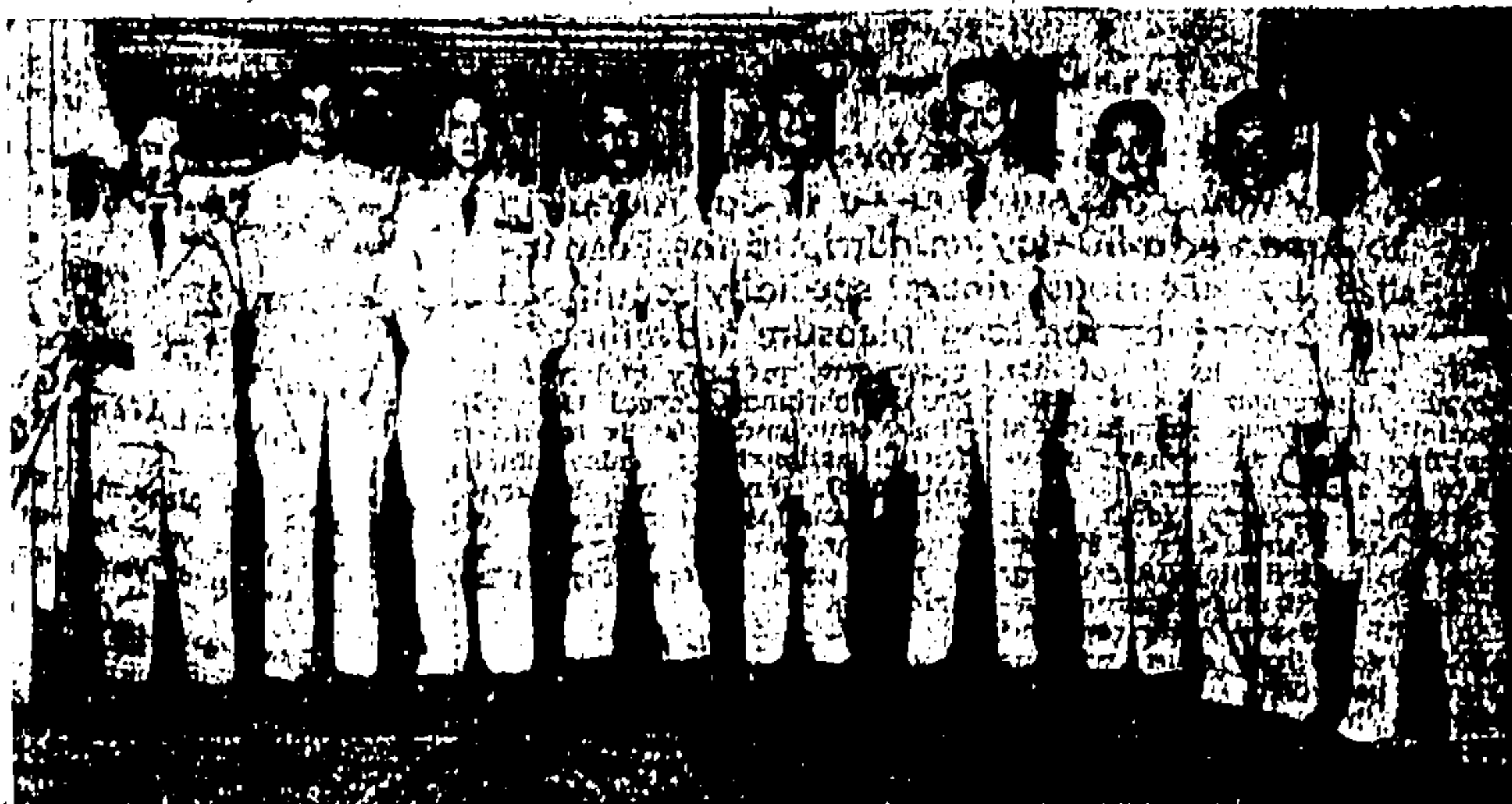
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Philippine Army Officers



Some of the 16 Philippine Army officers going to the United States for advanced military training on board the APL liner ss. President Wilson. ("China Mail" photo).

APL Liner Brings Cargo Of Silver For Nationalists

Three thousand one hundred cases of silver coins were among 600 tons of general cargo brought here by the luxurious American President Linor, ss. President Wilson, when she docked alongside the Kowloon Wharf yesterday morning.

Addressed to the Hong Kong office of the Central Bank of China, 3,000 cases of the coins were for the Chinese Government and the remaining 100 cases were addressed to a local private firm.

Apart from the valuable goods, the APL liner also brought more than 150 passengers among whom were Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. E. Bray, Chief Orthopedic Surgeon at the United States

Army Tripler Hospital in Honolulu. Accompanied by their daughter Susan, the Brays are on an Oriental cruise.

Among the passengers discharged here by the ss. President Wilson, more than 100 were Chinese returning from their overseas homes.

PI Army Officers

Like her sister ship, ss. President Cleveland, the "President Wilson" is taking to the United States 16 Philippine Army officers.

Having embarked in Manila, the Philippine Army officers are going to the U.S. to take up advanced training in military science. Two of them are going to the University of Chicago and Columbia University to take the undergraduate course in civil

engineering and political science. After she had discharged her passengers for the Colony, more than 50 transit passengers of the luxurious liner were led on a tour of the island of Hong Kong by an official of the APL.

The APL liner is expected to leave the Colony for Kobe on Wednesday.

According to the vernacular Sing Tao Evening Post yesterday, the ss. President Wilson, is expected to repatriate some of the American evacuees recently evacuated from South China.

Merchant Ships Now Under Construction

London, July 31. Lloyds Register of Shipping reports that merchant ships under construction in all countries at the end of June numbered 1,070 vessels of 4,446,070 gross tons.

Of this total, 2,043,000 tons gross were under construction in Britain and Northern Ireland and the remainder in the rest of the world. The United States had 50 ships of 694,714 tons under construction. No figures were available for Russia.

Lloyds said China was building five vessels of 6,452 tons gross, Japan 31 of 116,685 and Australia, Canada and other Commonwealth countries were building 35 of 111,369 tons gross. The report said the figure for Japan was known to be incomplete, particularly on ships of less than 1,000 tons.—Associated Press.

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White Sox Beat Yanks; Phillies Win Double

New York, July 30. The Chicago White Sox defeated the New York Yankees 9-2 in the American League today, cutting the New Yorkers' first placed lead over Cleveland, which beat Boston, to 3½ games.

Chicago manager Jack Onslow shook up his line-up and the new blood came through in brilliant style. White Sox catcher Don Wheeler drove in five runs on a double, triple and two singles and third baseman Floyd Baker knocked in three on a single fly out and two walks. First baseman Charley Kress scored four times.

Cleveland's Indians rallied for four runs in the top of the 10th to defeat the Boston Red Sox 10-6 in a long game in which Indian manager Lou Boudreau was elected for arguing over a decision. The argument occurred in the eighth when the Bostonians tied the score 6-6.

Short stop Ray Boone, who replaced Boudreau, hit a two-run homer in the 10th inning rally.

The St. Louis Browns handed the Washington Senators their 15th defeat in their last 16 games in a battle of 30 hits. The Browns defeated the Senators 11-9.

Virgil Trucks ended a six game winning streak of the Philadelphia Athletics with a shutout, 11-0, as his Detroit Tigers teammates blasted three Athletics pitchers for 19 hits.

Giants Beat Reds

In the National League, left-fielder Whitey Lockman tripled home centerfielder Hank Thompson from first with two out in the 10th inning to give the New York Giants a 8-7 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

The Philadelphia Phillies won both ends of a doubleheader with the Chicago Cubs, 4-3 and 9-1.

In the opener Philadelphia pitcher Russ Meyer held his former teammates to five hits for his eighth win of the season. Singles by first baseman Dick Sisler, rightfielder Bill Nicholson and third baseman Willie Jones produced the winning tally in the seventh.

The Phils sewed up the second game in the fifth with a four run rally against Johnny Schmitz and added four more in the ninth against Emil Kuhn.

The Boston-Pittsburgh game was postponed because of rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	R	H	E	
Chicago	9	14	0	
New York	2	6	1	
Winning pitcher	Bill Wright			
loser	Vic Raschi			
Cleveland	10	13	1	
Boston	0	12	1	
Winning pitcher	Satchel Paige			
loser	Mel Farnell			
St. Louis	11	14	1	
Washington	9	10	0	
Winning pitcher	Joe Ostrowski			
loser	Paul Calvert			
Detroit	11	19	0	
Philadelphia	0	5	1	
Winning pitcher	Virgil Trucks			
loser	Joe Coleman			

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	R	H	E	
New York	8	15	1	
Cincinnati	7	13	2	
Winning pitcher	Sheldon Jones			
loser	Ewell Blackwell			
Philadelphia (1st game)	4	10	3	
Chicago	3	5	2	
Winning pitcher	Russ Meyer			
loser	Doyce Lade			
Philadelphia	9	10	0	
Chicago	1	8	4	
Winning pitcher	Robin Roberts			
loser	Johnny Schmitz			

particularly good as snipers or in early morning attacks, but completely unamenable to discipline, and apt to make for the hills as soon as they finished an engagement.

Wearer of the Canadian Military Medal and the Distinguished Service Cross, Haight served with the Fourth Canadian Division when it raided Dieppe in 1941, and later with the United States 29th Division.—Reuter.

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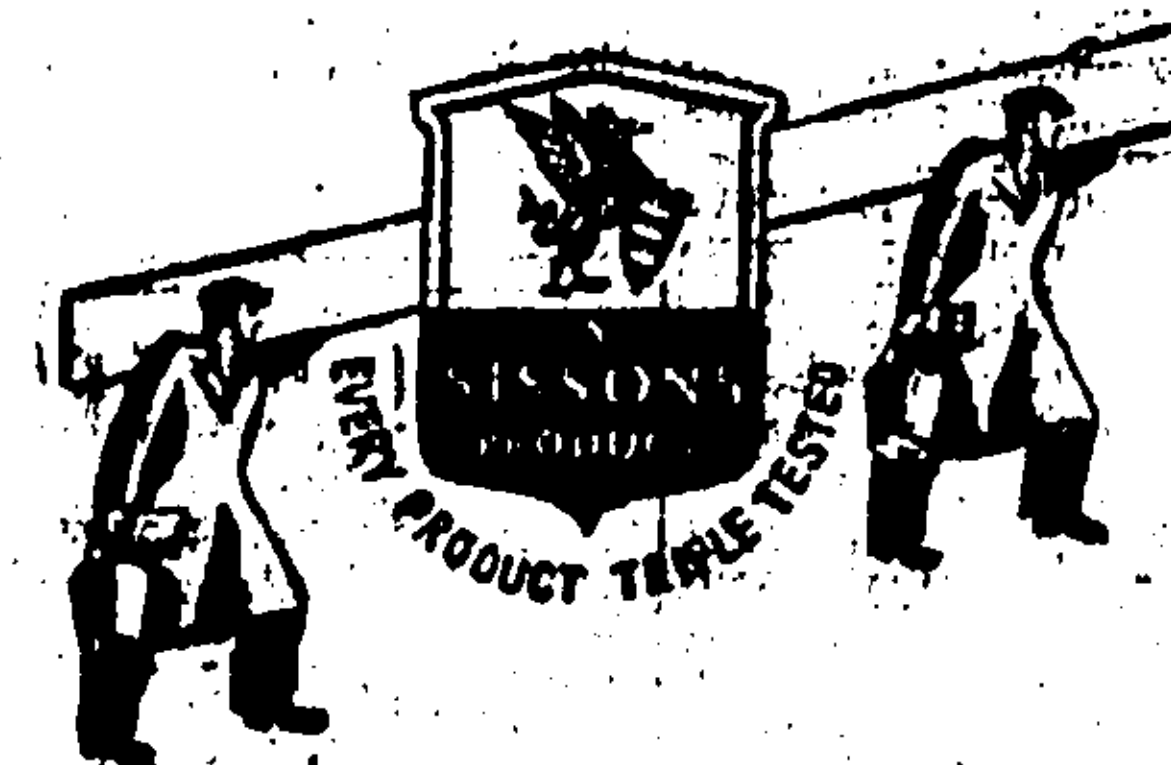
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Next Year To Be Crucial One For World, Editor Says

London, July 30.

Mr. C. R. Srinivasan, Chairman of the All-India Editors' Conference, said in London today that he believed 1950 would be the crucial year of the 20th Century for the whole world.

Summing up for the Press Trust of India his impressions during a tour of Western Europe, Mr. Srinivasan, a life-long student of economics, pointed to the phenomena which he said could now be seen everywhere—labour troubles, fear of Communism, shy capital, lifeless stock markets, and a progressive fall in the deposits in banks, with a greater than ever demand for money which, however, became scarcer and dearer.

In the 20th Century, said Mr. Srinivasan, independent nations have become politically interdependent. But the principle had not yet been applied to economics. Until it was there could be no real peace or prosperity for any part of the world. Power and prosperity were indivisible. Mr. Srinivasan visited Rome, Geneva, Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam, trying to discover in his talks with people prominent in industry and banking how far Western Europe had travelled and how quickly it was travelling towards recovery from the crippling effects of the last war. Last year in Britain he sensed a subdued optimism with courage and confidence in the future. On the Continent, however, he found depression and lack of courage with a certain amount of hopeless resignation towards events.

After a year of the Marshall Plan he noticed on the Continent a remarkable change towards confidence, as though things were on the mend and it was only a question of time before the pre-war economy was back again.

Sense Of Disquiet
Certainly, a start had been given for the resumption of industrial activities to Western Europe, but following the break-down in the dollar exchange there was a sense of disquiet in the more knowledgeable circles that what had been mistaken for a restoration of normal conditions might possibly prove to be a mere flash in the pan. "One again," added Mr. Srinivasan, "I got the feeling that England was cast for the chief role of restoring economic order. Last year the dominant note on the Continent was to wait on events in the hope that England's effort to redeem her own economy would necessarily bring in its train the redemption of the Continental economy also."

"Similarly this year there is a feeling that if England is able to triumph over the dollar shortage the way will be open for other European countries to follow along the same road. "I feel that within the next two or three months a crisis may develop which will force a decision on this problem of international exchange."

No One-Way Traffic
"International trade is based on the exchange of goods. It cannot be founded on a one-way traffic and unless a two-

way movement is stimulated and sustained it might well mean a shrinkage of world trade and a resumption of what might come to mean anarchy."

"England has made great sacrifices and borne them with great fortitude in the hope that success was round the corner. A delay in achieving that success and a need for the British people to make still further sacrifices has created in London a feeling of depression that I did not notice last year."

"But coming from India I attach great value to the discipline and sacrifices of large masses of people. In India such sacrifices have yielded amazing results politically. Similarly, the sacrifices that the people of England are making for the redemption of their self-respect cannot go in vain."

Mr. Srinivasan flies home to India tomorrow, arriving in Bombay on August 1 and in Madras on August 2.—Reuter.

FIRST LORD'S TOUR OF MED.

Valencia, July 28.

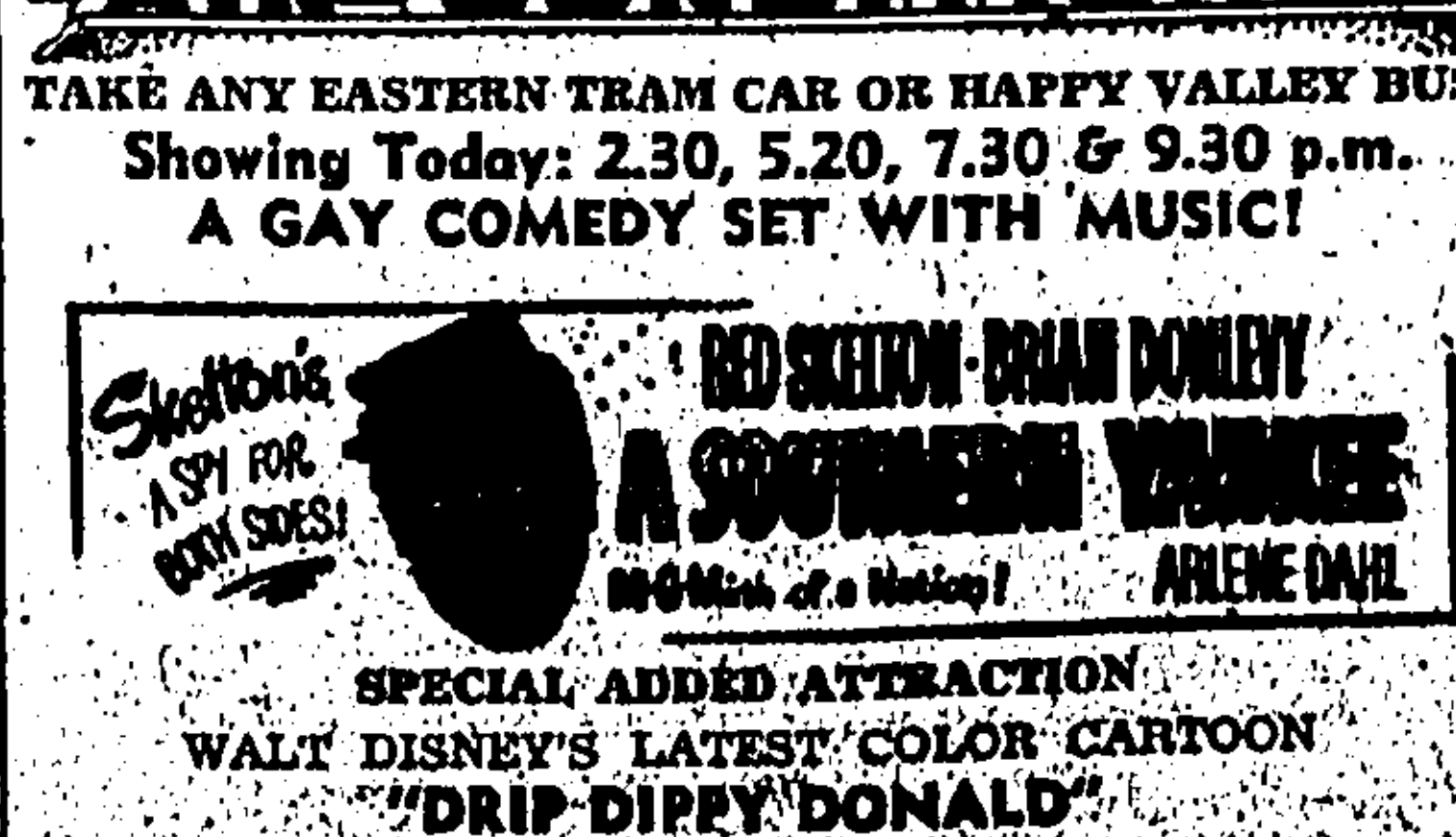
Lord Hall, First Lord of the Admiralty, arrived here this afternoon to begin a tour of naval establishments and ships of the Mediterranean Fleet. Lord Hall had come from Nice in the naval despatch vessel Surprise.

During his tour, which will last until Monday evening, he will be the guest of the Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet, Admiral Sir Arthur John Power and Lady Power.—Reuter.



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Administration Working On Proposal To Cut Truman's Arms Programme

Washington, July 30.

The administration was reported to be working today on a proposal to reduce the size and scope of President Harry Truman's US\$1,450,000,000 foreign arms programme.

This revision may turn up later in the form of a Democratic compromise after Congressional Committees have completed hearings. Meanwhile, United States military Chiefs of Staff have arrived in Frankfurt, Germany, for a survey of Western Europe defence conditions and needs. When they return to the U. S. in 10 days they are expected to meet with the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which is holding hearings on the arms proposal.

The military leaders testified before the Committee before leaving for Europe on Friday night. Another witness was the Secretary of Defence, Mr. Louis Johnson.

Mr. Johnson told the Committee that the military establishment has fixed a point in the Pacific area beyond which expansion by hostile forces would lead to concrete action. However, he declined to indicate where that point is.

To question about the possibility of broadening the Truman programme, which provides for arms aid to North Atlantic allies, Greece, Turkey, Iran, Korea and the Philippines, the Defence Secretary said the military establishment is concerned about any part of the world "from which trouble may arise."

Suggestions made by influential members of Congress for reducing the size and scope of Mr. Truman's programme indicate the compromise may take one of the forms as follows:

1. Reduce the proposed overall cash outlay to about US\$700,000,000.
2. Cut out a provision of the administration bill giving Mr. Truman authority to transfer arms

to any nation in the world, restricting such transfers to North Atlantic Pact signers, Greece, Turkey, Korea and one or two other nations.

3. Provide specifically that the programme must be fitted into a mutual defence plan to be drafted under direction of a defence council to be set up by the North Atlantic Treaty signers.

4. Specifically limit the programme to one year, thus giving the North Atlantic Council about six months to act and Congress about six months to review the situation afterwards.

(As now proposed, the US\$1,450,000,000 would be available for spending or commitment in one year ending June 30, 1950, for goods to be delivered mostly over a two year period.)

A compromise in these general terms is known to have been discussed by legislators in conferences with the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and General George C. Marshall, former Secretary of State who is taking an active part in efforts to get a programme enacted by Congress.—Associated Press.

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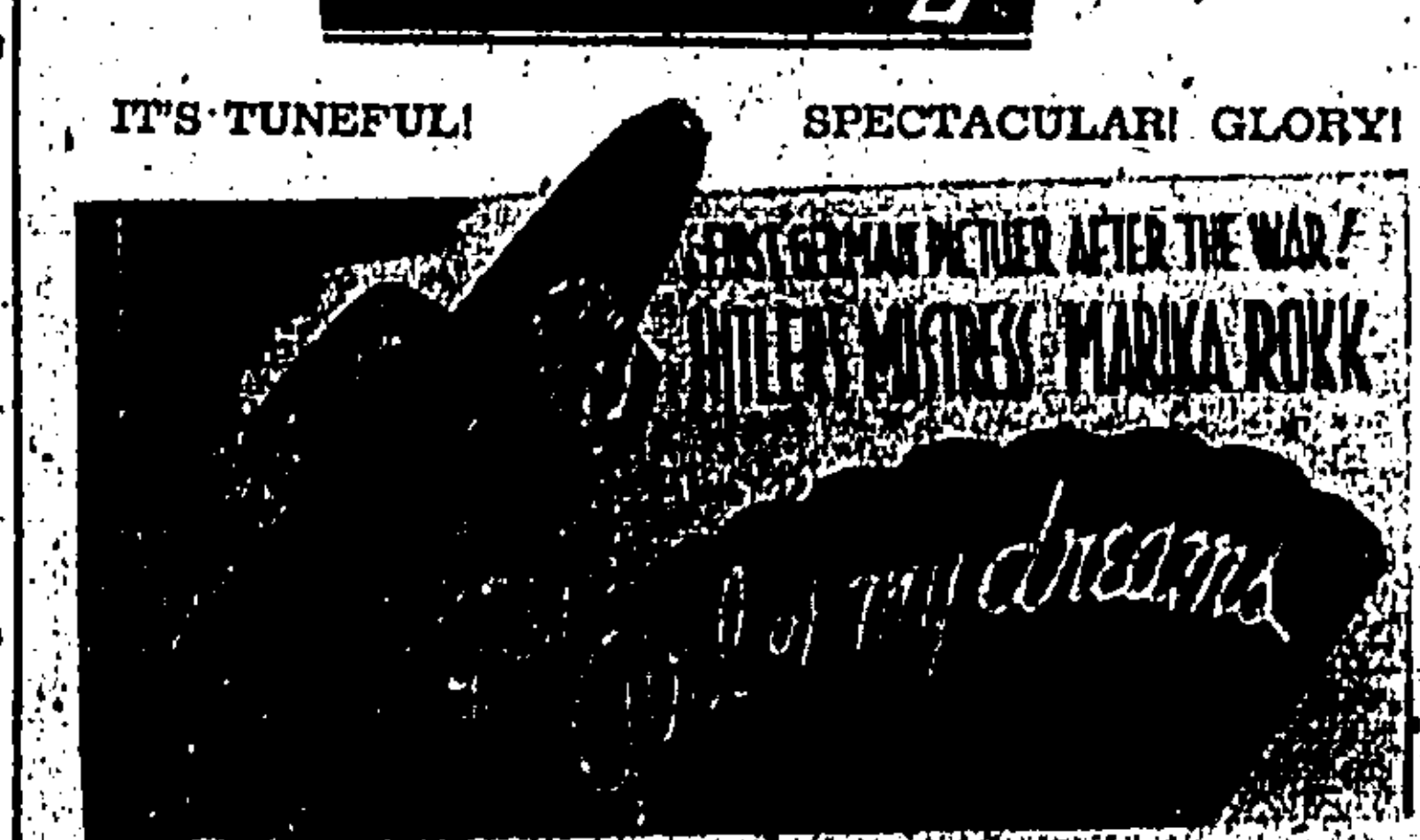
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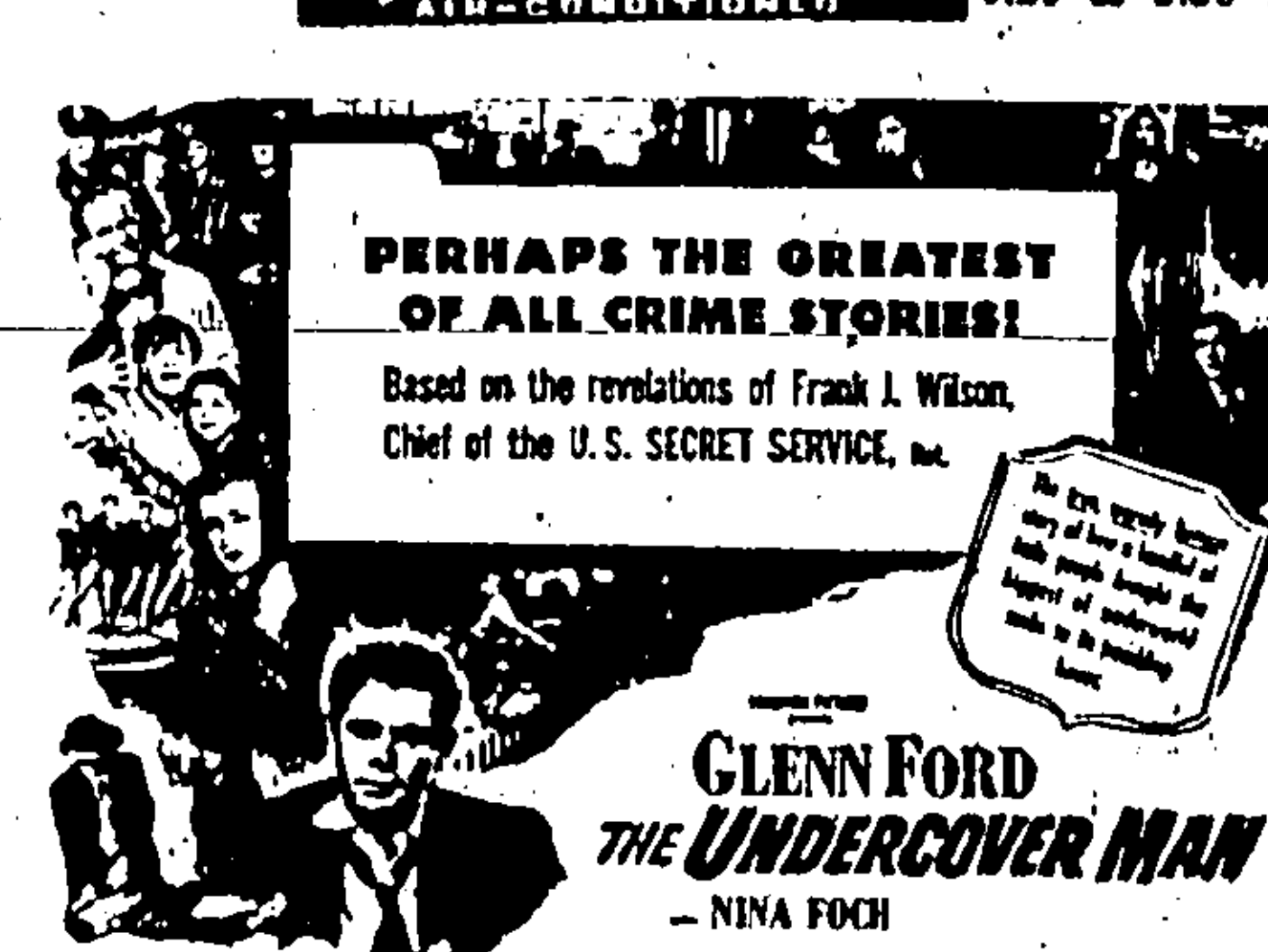
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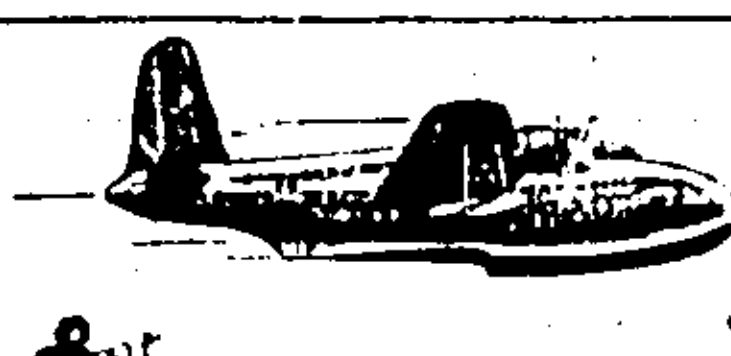


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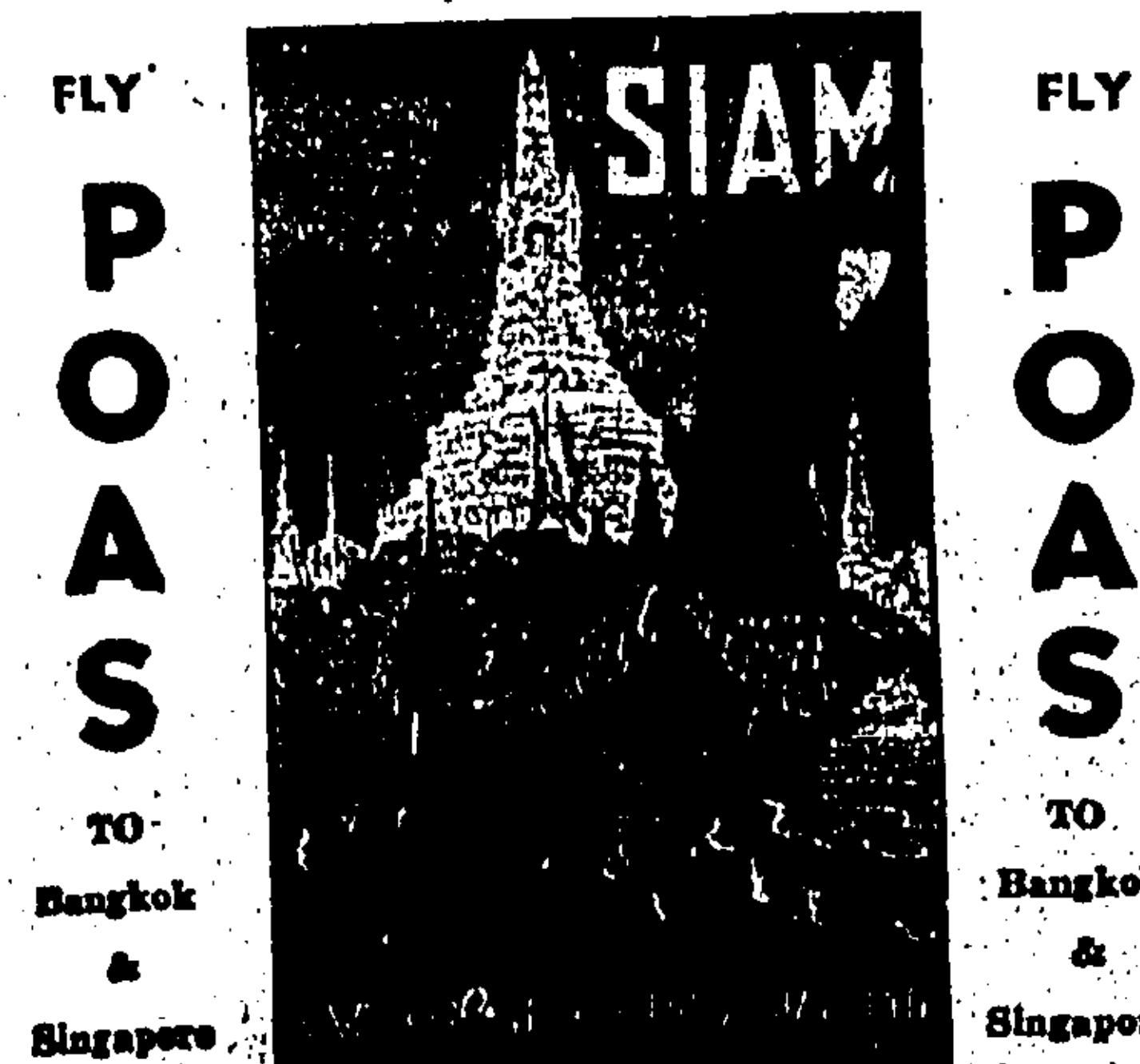
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WILLIAMS to Joan, wife of Lt. Col. David Williams, HMS Belfast, at Kowloon Hospital on July 30, a daughter.

UNITED STATES OF EUROPE

The idea of a federation of Europe is more than three centuries old. Sully wrote that his master Henry IV of France (1553-1610), had a "Great Design" for a European republic of 15 states, while Victor Hugo, said in 1849 that all the Continental countries plus Britain and Russia should be blended into a superior unity. Between the two World Wars Aristide Briand of France formally proposed a United States of Europe—a project that failed.

The East-West split following World War II has brought a trend toward organisation of Western Europe. The economic basis for that organisation is the European Recovery Programme. The military basis is the security system set up under the Brussels Defence Pact and the Atlantic Treaty. Last January a cautious and preliminary move was made in the direction of a third form of the organisation—political union. In London the Brussels Pact countries (Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg) announced an agreement in principle on a Council of Europe.

Recently in London the representatives of the Brussels pact countries and Italy, Ireland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden met to establish the Council. They signed a statute. Under which the Council is made up of a kind of Cabinet and Parliament.

The "Cabinet" is the Committee of Ministers. This committee is to consist of one delegate from each member government. These delegates presumably will be under orders from their home governments, like delegates to the UN. Decisions will be made unanimously.

The "Parliament" is the Consultative Assembly. It is to have 87 delegates from the member countries (the number in each delegation depends on the size of the country). Full resolutions are to be made by unanimous vote; expressions of the Assembly's "wish" by a two-thirds majority.

Powers of the Council are limited. Participating nations have not relinquished their sovereign rights. The findings of the Council will be only recommendations. The Council may not discuss matters of defence.

The inaugural meeting of the Council will take place at Strasbourg next week and we wish it every success.

Wallace Calls For World Fund

New York, July 30.

Mr. Henry Wallace, leader of the Progressive Party, thinks that the United States should set up a world development fund "in place of the one-sided, wasteful funds we are now spending abroad to building arms."

In a radio speech he said that the United States must do this "if we really want to help the world in order to help ourselves."

A STRANGER FLIES TO INDO-CHINA

By A "China Mail" Reporter

Indo-China today is more than ever a curiosity spot for both tourists and journalists alike, although their objectives in many ways, may be dissimilar.

Air companies serving the Far East are gradually exploring routes into Indo-China.

Not a few companies are already on regular chartered flights into the larger cities there. For instance, CAT is at the moment operating regular flights from Kunming and other parts of Free China into Haiphong and Hanoi, mostly on freight carrying CVA and MATICO stop by frequently at Saigon, and it is reported, Hong Kong Airways are contemplating establishment of operations from Hong Kong.

Main connecting link between Free China and the rich productive lands of the French in the East is provided by the air system of Air France, whose Far Eastern organisation is being considerably expanded to connect Indo-China with Japan, the Philippines, the Malay and Australia.

In Indo-China itself, there are a number of French airlines serving the Colony internally and joining it with the motherland. These include SITA (Société Indo-Chinoise de Transport Aéro), a large French international organisation.

From Hong Kong, Air France has three regularly scheduled flights into and through Indo-China to Europe. One is the route via Haiphong and Hanoi in the French border; then there is the line via Tourane, a large fishing centre midway on the sea coast between Hong Kong and Saigon, and finally the direct Hong Kong-Saigon run which continues to Paris.

These operations are mostly serviced by Skymasters and the interesting route from the Stranger's point of view—is by the Haiphong-Hanoi flight.

Leaving China, the route carries into Haiphong, flying over the red expanse of the Tonkin Delta after crossing the Gulf of Tongking, to Haiphong.

Disappointing

The airfield at Haiphong, although spacious and ideal for aviation, was rather a disappointing sight to the Stranger, who saw it from the importance of the Haiphong port.

The airfield's two runways are similar in length to those at Kai Tak. The aviation administrative buildings, however, are small houses built on flat, red, raw ground.

Haiphong airport, the Stranger was told by an official there, is quiet at the moment, with only a few airlines serving between it and cities in China, carrying cargo mainly.

The airfield, he said, should in the near future be operating on a larger basis as air traffic is expected to be substantially increased.

The runways at Haiphong, when the Stranger landed there last week from an Air France Skymaster, were being lengthened by about 100 feet at each end.

The official told the visitor that the second runway is at the moment unserviceable, having been greatly mishandled by the Japanese during the occupation.

The first impression the Stranger gained on arriving at Haiphong, was that had come to a Mexican or Californian farm, ranch. The spacious emptiness of raw earth and the wooden fencing surrounding the airport gives this illusion.

Six miles from the airport, is the busy port of Haiphong, where the city is.

The scars of American bombs are still very much in evidence. At the same time, the heart of the city beats with the activities of shipping and fishing, serving also as an outlet of the coal mines in Tongking.

Marked Contrast

Sixty miles to the West, the next stop is Hanoi. There, to the Stranger, the contrast is marked after the take-off from Haiphong.

Big administrative buildings and hangars with a large number of military and civil aircraft neatly parked, and people give life to the place, although the city is some way from the airfield.

Between the two Indo-Chinese cities, the flight carries over miles of flat lands of rice paddies with tributaries meandering into the land forming the Tonkin Delta. Over Hanoi, one sees the typical architectural habitations of the French colonials.

The bright cream colour of the buildings, topped with red gable roofs, is characteristic of the housing in the cities of Indo-China.

The stretches of flat, flooded paddy fields are interrupted by growth of heavy shrubbery (as seen from the air) which marks the settlements of the land owners.

This scene is undisturbed for some 80 miles around before the once again familiar view of the typically French provincial town of yellow red topped villas, and we have arrived at Saigon.

The whole trip of about 1,000 miles lasting seven hours including the 45-minute pause at Haiphong and Hanoi.



"Commiss Produce a New Dodge."

All I can say is, let them try producing a new Rolls Royce. Just let them try, that's all.

Waitress: You're not eating your fish. What's the matter?
 Customer: Long time no sea.

Blake recently returned from a visit to America tells me that a hick town is one where, if you see a girl dining with a man old enough to be her father, he is.

As a further gesture of defiance against the Jewish workers in certain industries at Home are thinking of striking for better unions.

Palestine Bazaar Song
 Buy my latest gadgets
 Worth their weight in blood!
 Belts of shiny bullets,
 Never one a dud!
 Hand grenades for everyone,
 Colts and Mausers sweet,
 Mines of latest model, sirs,
 Fine for foolish feed!
 Try my lovely trinkets,
 Cheap, and lethal too!
 Bargains for the Arab,
 Bargains for the Jew.

The undertaker rang up Henry to tell him his mother-in-law had died. "Do you wish to have her buried or embalmed?" he asked.

"Don't let's take any chances," said Henry. "Cremate her."

Yes, but...
 "The book is as full of sparkling wit, 'impossible' situations and clever sallies as the proverbial crane's egg."

The doctor said gravely to the sick man, "I cannot hide the fact from you that you are very ill. There anyone you would like to see?"

"Yes," said the sufferer faintly. "Who is it?"

"Another doctor."

As Mrs. Stewart of the Braes said about a local divorced couple, "If they had as many bairns as I hiv, they wouldna hae time to think o' divorce."

"She told me you told her what I told you not to tell her."

"Oh, isn't she mean?" I told her not to tell you I told her.

"Well, don't tell her I told you she told me."

There are two Gods of great renown
 Before them both the East bows down.
 The Great God, Chien and the Great God, Fan.
 Who rule the life of the China man!

A reference book of the Hollywood film industry is to be issued. One suggestion is that the section dealing with the stars should be published separately under the title of "Who's Whose."

The Tragedy Of The Docks

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

being disciplined troops, are in danger of becoming a mere horde, ready to follow any swashbuckler or fanatic or glib-tongued tempter.

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The Iron Curtain Goes To Sea

By RALPH HEWINS

I have recently spent four days on board Russia's ace luxury liner bound from Leningrad to London.

For four days I have watched a handful of Russian passengers and a Russian crew try to find a happy medium between maintaining an Iron Curtain aloofness and promoting Russian hospitality.

The result was a dismal failure to do either.

The failure was evident from the moment I stepped on board the 1,600 ton Sestroretsk at Stockholm.

Two of the Russian crew helped me with my luggage up the gangway and into my cabin. They were helpful—as helpful as possible—but there was not so much as a spontaneous friendly gesture for the 10 minutes I was with them. Nor were they ready to accept a tip. Tipping was apparently forbidden throughout the ship.

There followed my first meal on board and my introduction to the strange, embarrassed hospitality evident throughout the voyage.

The soup was excellent, so were the vegetables and the sweet. The frequent Siberian salmon and so-called lamb however was lamentable. Nor was there ever any coffee after meals. Vodka was unlimited but there was no Scotch.

It was in the serving of the meals, however, that one noticed the strangeness. You never without attention and the cutlery and tables were spotless—but there was never a word of greeting or recognition given by the waiters from the time you sat down. They were just like so many robots.

No Music

Nor did the crew open up at all "on deck." Entertainment was made exclusively by the passengers and neither the Russian passengers nor the crew ever touched a balalaika and there was none of the vigorous Caucasian dances to which all foreigners are usually treated when meeting Russians unofficially. Nor was there any music on cabin loudspeakers—only the Moscow radio news in English punctuated every evening.

Occasionally a party of Finns from among the passengers—students from Helsinki University—would sing patriotic Finnish songs and intersperse them with the latest popular English and American numbers.

The Russian passengers would draw aside, however, and never join in the choruses although many of them spoke English. Nor did the Russians ever dance with Western passengers. It was the Iron Curtain in operation even on the most social occasions.

Again, however, the Iron Curtain was always a polite one. Although the crew had the freedom of the whole boat save for the dining room and saloon, they would always make way politely for any of the passengers—always be ready to see to your comfort and to make sure that you were enjoying the voyage.

Not so easily covered up was the show of poor Russian seamanship as our steering broke down in the North Sea. Even to the most ignorant landlubber the emergency measures taken to steer the ship were obviously badly organised and inadequate.

The huge size of the Transport and General Workers' Union has been blamed for the dangerous split between the union leaders and their men in the docks; there may be something in this, though it would not do to lay too much emphasis on it. In view of the even less praiseworthy behaviour of men in the smaller unions concerned, and of the fact that the TGWU is Ernest Bevin's own union, built upon the foundation of his work for the dockers.

If ever a union could have loyal devotion in dockland it is this. Yet we saw the dockers cast away the fruits of their own past struggles. Here is tragedy indeed!

The heart of the matter is the weak calibre and competence of those who should be the N.C.O.s and subalterns in the trade union army, the link between general rank and the rank and file. This is another aspect of the underlying problem of human quality and of education.

Unless and until it is solved, the mass of uneducated, instead of being disciplined troops, are in danger of becoming a mere horde, ready to follow any swashbuckler or fanatic or glib-tongued tempter.

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Play Refreshed



Drink Coca-Cola

U.S. CHIEFS OF STAFF START DEFENCE TALKS

Conferences Arranged In Paris And London BRADLEY ON ATOM BOMB

Frankfurt, July 30.

The United States Military Chiefs of Staff begin their survey of Western Europe's defences here on Monday in top secret staff conferences with American military leaders in Germany.

The joint chiefs arrived this afternoon in President Harry Truman's personal plane "Independence" after a trans-Atlantic flight from Washington.

The party included Army General Omar N. Bradley, Admiral Louis E. Denfeld and Air Force General Hoyt S. Vandenberg.

A three-day round of conferences has been arranged here before they move on to Paris, London and Vienna for talks with the Atlantic Pact defence chiefs.

The joint chiefs will confer on Monday with Mr. John J. McCloy, the American Military Governor, and Army, Navy and Air Force leaders in Germany.

The Army announced that conferences also have been arranged here on Monday with Luxembourg and Italian military representatives. They were not identified.

The joint chiefs' mission to Europe is twofold.

1. To discuss the proposed military organization provided by the 12-nation Atlantic Pact.

2. To make a first hand study of American troops in Europe. The bulk of these are concentrated in Western Germany.

To Make Survey

In conferences here the joint chiefs are expected to survey the Western world's first line of defence against possible Eastern aggression. This line is manned by Allied troops in Germany. How these forces can be knit into the Atlantic Pact defence system will presumably be discussed.

They then will move on to discussions with Atlantic Pact leaders.

Admiral Denfeld told reporters today, "We will talk with the chiefs of staff of the Atlantic Pact nations during our 10 day stay in Europe. We are not going to talk about military aid."

The U.S. Defence Department has ruled out discussions on the European arms aid programme now before Congress.

"We will see what kind of organization and staff are needed to implement the pact," General Bradley said.

"I did not say that I meant we are the only one of the 12 Atlantic Pact nations with it."

General Vandenberg said, "There will be an exchange of ideas with the European military leaders during our visit."

On Tuesday they will fly to London for conferences with the British Chiefs of Staff and other military officials. They will proceed to Paris on Thursday.

There they are due to meet British Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, Chief of the Western Union Defence Council, and other military leaders. Associated Press.

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Sixteen Die As Planes Collide

Fort Dix, New Jersey, July 30.

Sixteen persons were killed today when an Eastern Airlines DC-3 (Dakota) collided in mid-air with a United States Naval plane two miles North of Fort Dix, Eastern Airlines reported. The casualties included 12 passengers, three members of the crew and the pilot of the Naval aircraft. The Naval plane was reported to have plunged to the ground two miles West of where the airliner crashed. Authorities at La Guardia airport said they were advised that the Naval plane was a F4U Corsair, but that it was so badly smashed up it could not be identified immediately. The airliner burst into flames when it hit the ground and disintegrated. Associated Press.

BURMESE MINISTER FOR U.S.

Rangoon, July 30.

The extent of America's interests in South East Asia will be one of the subjects discussed when the Burmese Foreign Minister, U. Maung, visits President Truman shortly.

The Burmese Foreign Minister said today that Burma is interested in clarifying this issue, particularly with regard to the rehabilitation of South East Asia's war-devastated areas.

Describing his visit as mainly domestic, Maung hopes to arrange for Burma to be represented in the U.N. by a permanent representative as is the case with India. This will also be discussed in Washington, he said.

His mission to the U.S. will also include a study of American methods of combating tuberculosis, a major threat to Burmese health, and he will also try to further cultural relations between the two countries, he said.

Maung was reluctant to discuss equally fully the reasons for his visit to Britain, but he emphatically denied that there will be any talks on financial aid—long term or otherwise.

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W. German Leaders Wage Anti-Allied Election Campaign

Frankfurt, July 30.

Western German political leaders are openly waging an anti-Allied campaign and almost ignoring the Communists in their drive for votes in the August 14 elections.

Charges of deceit and arrogance, of greed and repression are being hurled at the United States, Britain and France.

Candidates are centring their fire on the Allies' security programme to prevent future German aggression. Singled out for vitriolic attacks are the dismantling of German factories, which produced war materials, the international Ruhr Authority and the military security board.

They are also raising the sore issue of Germany's territorial losses in the East and West.

In effect, the Germans are serving notice that the anti-Communist parties will present a solid front against many of the Allies' basic policies in Germany when the German Federal Republic is formed.

The American Military Government's German Language newspaper "Neue Zeitung" said that some sort of a unity front has been established, reaching from the very Left to the very Right of the parties.

It went on, "Here, as in all other such fronts, the unifying factor is the fact that all are against something. The German parties are unified in their criticisms of the occupation powers."

Allied Apprehension

American Military Government officials expressed some apprehension over the anti-Allied attacks. One official in close contact with the situation told the Associated Press, "If these attacks go on they are likely to rouse passions to a pitch. We are watching the situation, but we plan to let them talk as long as they do not threaten the security of the occupation forces."

This official noted that Military Government laws forbids the Germans to hold up the occupation powers to ridicule or to encourage disobedience to Allied authorities.

"If this matter gets out of hand," he said, "we could confiscate campaign literature or even jail people, just as the British jailed Reimann."

This official said, "They are trying to create a feeling of political independence in Germany. We cannot try to shut off everybody who criticises the occupation."

The facts of what we have done for Germany should speak for themselves," he said. "There will be talk of the European Recovery Programme in the campaign. Sensible Germans understand the part the ERP is playing in German recovery."

Another American official said:

Blowing Off Steam

"The feeling is to let the Germans blow off steam. It means that Democracy has taken root. However, the attacks on the Allies undoubtedly reflect a rise of German arrogance and nationalism. The question is whether this nationalism will remain a love of country or will be directed into dangerous channels."

"We are giving the Germans (ling at being politically mature. We are glad they are showing backbone for the first time since the occupation."

"Certainly, however, the campaign is filled with misrepresentation, especially on the dismantling issue. The Germans are completely ignoring the fact that they devastated much of Europe and now must make good some of it."

Leading the anti-Allied campaign is Dr. Kurt Schumacher, leader of the Left Wing Social Democrats.

In a series of major campaign addresses Dr. Schumacher has raked Allied policies from end to end in probably the bitterest language used by any non-Communist German leader since the Nazi regime.

Speaking in Mainz, he declared that the arrogant guardianship of Germany by the Allies should end. Recalling Nazi brutalities, he said, "The wrongs of yesterday are offset by the wrongs of the victors today."

In another address, Dr. Schumacher assailed the new six-power Ruhr authority set up to control the production of Germany's industrial Ruhr Valley. This area served as Germany's arsenal in two world wars.

Dr. Schumacher said, "This statute must be changed. It is only when the cannibals notice that we will not let ourselves be eaten that they will return to a vegetable diet."

Dr. Schumacher devotes a portion of each speech to acid comments on the dismantling of German factories which produced war materials.

In one address he declared: "Dismantling destroys half of the belief in the truthfulness and reliability of the Western Allies. Its real meaning is demolition, not dismantling."

Attack On Britain

Although his Socialist group is the nearest approach in Germany to Britain's ruling Labour Party, Dr. Schumacher has directed much of his anti-Allied comments toward Britain and especially the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin.

Wilfried Hedergott, a leader of the Right Wing Free Democratic Party, echoes this attitude. He declared in a speech at Goettingen that the Allied aims are the elimination of German competition.

In a general indictment of Allied policies, Hedergott said, "Everything that was good under the Nazis was abolished by the Allies in 1945. Everything that was bad remained."

Karl Arnold, Minister President (Governor) of the British zone state of North Rhine Westphalia, condemned the Allies on another score. A Right wing Christian Democrat, Arnold accused the Allies of convicting of war crimes some Germans who tried to prevent the war and overthrow Hitler.

He criticised the false verdicts of Military courts and said, "We should demand reviews of the Nuremberg verdicts."

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No Meetings For Miners In Australian

Sydney, July 30.

The Central Council of the Miners' Federation decided today not to call aggregate meetings on the coalfields.

Rank and file miners will thus have no opportunity to call off the Australia wide coal strike which enters its sixth week on Monday.

However Union officials expect that the miners will defy their leaders and go back to work mine by mine.

They say that the Council decision was an outright win for the Communists.

Meanwhile, Australian Army troops already encamped at open cast mines were making last preparations today before beginning operations the mines on Monday morning.

With the open cast coal the government hopes to be able to maintain restricted gas, power and electricity supplies.

Industry, however, will remain almost paralysed until the miners return to work. Associated Press.

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Booklet Against Catholic Church

Prague, July 30.

The Central Action Committee of Czechoslovakia's National Front today published a 48-page booklet entitled "The Treason of the Vatican and The Bishops."

On sale at all book shops and many newspaper stands for the nominal sum of two Czech crowns (two pence halfpenny) it stated the government's side of its fight with the Roman Catholic church.

It included statements from the heads of the Czechoslovak church and small sects pledging loyalty to the government or thanks for government financial aid.

The booklet reprinted speeches of leading Cabinet Ministers who have made charges and threats against Roman Catholic Archbishop Josef Beran and the Vatican and those priests who remain loyal to them.

It also contained an inserted leaflet with the text of the government proposed new church law, which would give it complete control over the administration, funds and appointments of the churches.

The booklet called the measure a generous gesture of state support and

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Arabs Indicate Terms For Peace

Lausanne, July 30.

Arab delegates to the Palestine Conciliation talks here today indicated the terms on which they would accept an Israeli offer to take back a substantial number of Arab refugees as a first step towards a general peace settlement.

Authoritative Arab sources said that points which needed clarification were:

- (1) The number of refugees that Israel would accept.
- (2) The extent of the area in the Israeli-occupied State of Palestine to which the refugees would be admitted.

The Israeli offer, presented to the United Nations Conciliation Commission on Thursday by Mr. Reuven Shimon, special adviser to the Israeli Foreign Minister, was presumed here to be based on the American plan for a general re-settlement of refugees in the Middle East.

This plan, promising American and perhaps other foreign backing for large-scale re-settlement projects, was presented to the Israeli and some Arab Governments during the three-week recess of the Lausanne talks earlier this month. It was understood.

It has not yet been communicated to the Conciliation Commission.

Arab delegates thought the United States plan would be a

decisive factor in settling the refugee problem. One authoritative source said, "Our greatest concern is to solve the refugee problem urgently, and we are prepared to study thoroughly any contribution to its solution, particularly that proposed by the United States."

Arab delegates were expected to give the Conciliation Commission their report on the Israeli offer on Tuesday.—Reuter

COMMONS ADJOURNS

London, July 30.

The House of Commons adjourned today for its summer recess after its first Saturday sitting for nearly 10 years. The last time it sat on a Saturday was on September 2, 1939, just before the outbreak of war. Today's sitting was to avoid on Monday—a national holiday. The House will resume on October 18.—Reuter.

U.S. CONGRESS TO WORK OVER-TIME THIS WEEK

Washington, July 30.

The United States Congress is to work over-time next week in Washington's mid-summer heat and some members say that they are going to question the legality of the procedure.

With a number of vital measures still under discussion, including Marshall Plan appropriations and the arms for Europe programme, Congressional leaders have decreed that Congress shall sit right through the month of August if necessary.

Some Republican members say of any major bill enacted after July 31 challenged on the ground that Congress is not legally in session after that date.

They cite the 1946 Congressional Reorganization Act which said that except in time of war or national emergency Congress should adjourn not later than July 31—unless it ordered otherwise.

Congressional leaders say that the 1946 adjournment deadline does not operate this year because the United States is legally still at war.

They say the war does not end technically until the peace treaties are signed and that wartime emergency periods continue until specifically ended.

Republicans, led by Representative Joseph Martin of Massachusetts, think the war and national emergency argument is flimsy and have tried to get a resolution extending the session.

Mr. Martin said that he would not be surprised to see the validity

U.S. Submarines At Londonderry

Belfast, July 30.

The 1,520 ton submarines Toro and Tusk, two of the four American submarines now at Londonderry naval base, are due to arrive in the Firth of Clyde, Scotland, on Monday.

They will remain overnight at Rothesay, where officers of both vessels will be entertained by British naval officers in an informal party.

The four submarines will take part next week in exercises with the joint British navy and air force anti-submarine training school at Londonderry.

They are to sail for Portsmouth next Saturday and from there to return to America.—Reuter.

BONFIRE SETS OFF LAND MINES

Tel-Aviv, July 30.

A Bonfire set off British land mines causing three explosions on Israeli-held Mount Zion just outside Jerusalem early today. No injuries or damage were caused.—Reuter.

W. German Leaders Wage Anti-Allied Election Campaign

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Then he assailed the international hostile competition of the other powers which, he said, resulted in the Ruhr authority. Of the authority, he said, "The victorious powers do not bring anything into the enterprise while a country like Germany makes available its most essential economic rights."

The politicians have focussed attention again on their territorial losses.

Boundary Issue

Arnold told a cheering audience of 10,000 in Cologne that "the German people cannot give up the area East of the Oder and Neisse Rivers." This area was taken over by Poland and Soviet Russia after the war.

Arnold suggested that the Germans and Poles should be given joint control of this area. A report that the French want the coal-rich Saarland, an independent vote in the European Council of Nations drew sharp retorts from German political leaders. The Saar was placed under French supervision after the war.

The Christian Democrat, Jacob Kalsner, declared in a campaign speech, "France must recognise that she has to tolerate a political modification of the Saar. The Saar belongs to Germany and this is a matter of course to every German.—Associated Press.

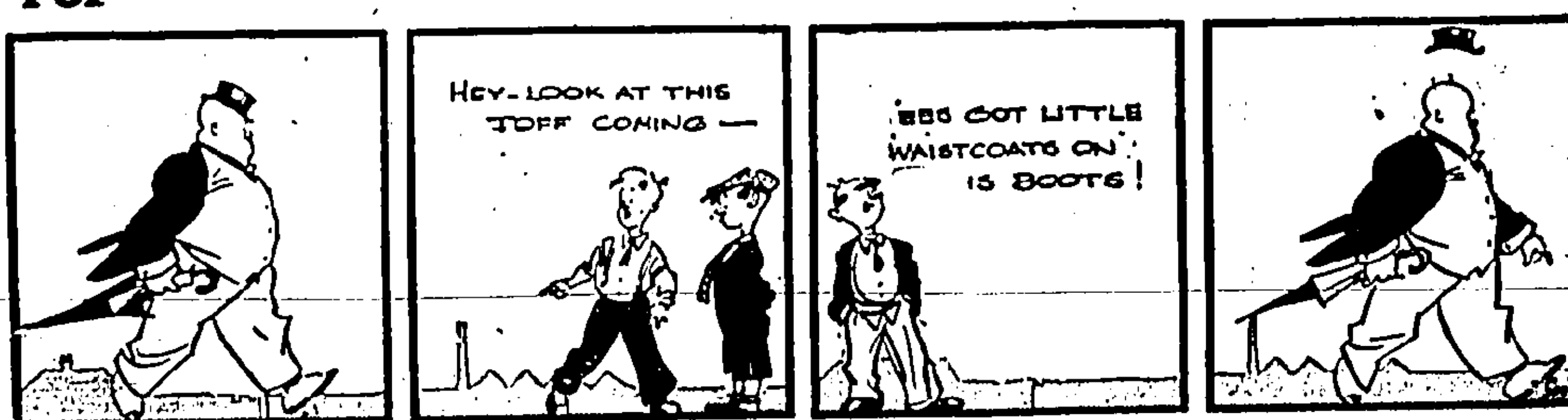
NEW FINNISH MINISTERS

Stockholm, July 30.

Dr. Juho Kustiainen, the Finnish President, today appointed two new Ministers to Finland's Social Democrat minority Cabinet.

They are Emil Kuusinen, Chairman of the Trades Unions' Federation, who replaced Edkiki Haerme as Minister of Labour and Communications, and Unto Varjonen, chief editor of the Social Democrat paper Sosiali Demokrat, who becomes a Minister without Portfolio. Haerme has been appointed Governor of the Turku and Porvoo Province.—Reuter.

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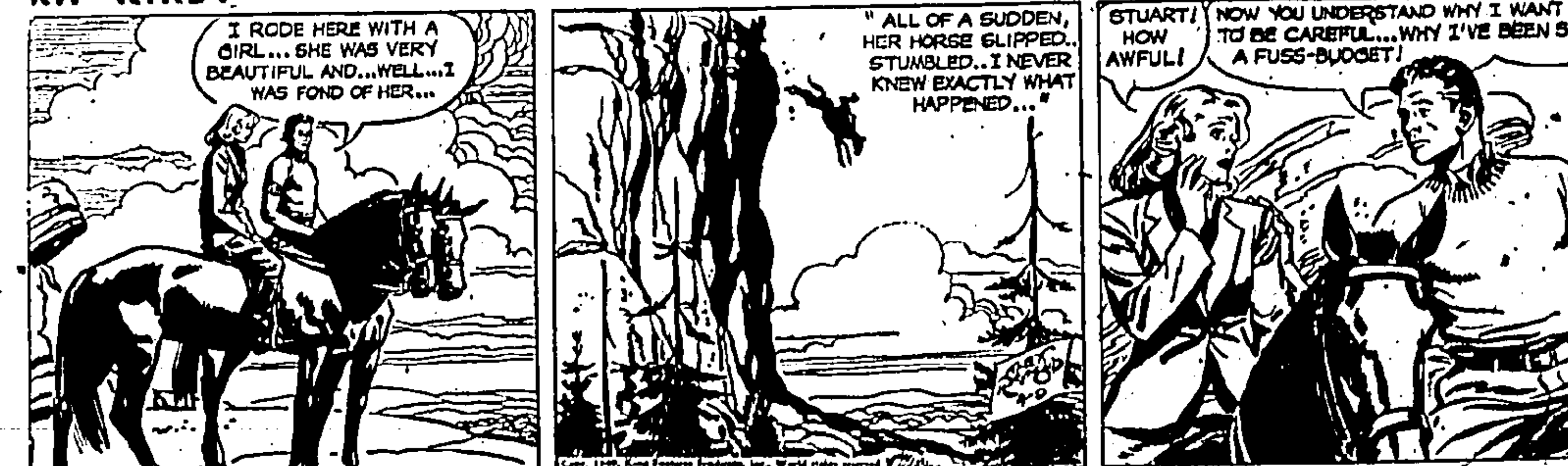


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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

STOCK MARKET'S SUMMER ADVANCE BREAKS DOWN

New York, July 31.

Wool Trade Attention Divided

Boston, July 31. Wool trade attention was divided this week between doing further moderate business and appraisal of new goods situation created by an announced reduction in prices by the American Woolen Company.

In raw material selling, the woolen fibres remained a relatively bright spot. The Commercial Bulletin said on Saturday: "Woolen trade still made a deal showing."

The Bulletin went on to say: "After three seasons of sub-normal activity in woolen, wool dealers were at least hopeful that the season in Spring, 1950, with an early start would be productive of substantial business in the wool. Pending such business, the market here since Spring has gradually settled down in prices of domestic fine wools."

"It is now believed fairly stable, however. Little business was noted this week, but at least in one quarter a good turnover of graded good French and staple territory was noted at an estimated basis of \$55.50 clean."

"Between the fine and medium territory wools, the latter selling to some extent at approximately CCC levels, halfbloods are in an indefinite position."

"Domestic fleeces are firm all around."

"Not much trading was evident in woolen fibres generally, though this seemed to be more a question of irregular supplies than change of demand. Nails, for example, are wanted to the full extent of suitable offerings, but production is at a minimum in this country while imports are both still in prices and hard to get."

"Given improved wools are slower, but it is said that they also are becoming more difficult to find."—Associated Press.

POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE

GENERAL HOLIDAY

On Monday, August 1, 1949, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will open from 8 a.m. to Noon. The other Branch Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. There will be one delivery of Registered and Ordinary Correspondence and one collection only from pillar boxes at 10 a.m.

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The mail is expected to arrive at London on or about September 6, 1949. It is hereby notified that all mail services for Shanghai, Tientsin and North China are temporarily suspended.

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GENERAL HOLIDAY

MONDAY, AUGUST 1
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Airmail for Manila, (Reg. and Ord.) Noon.

The stock market's summer advance broke down this week in a muggy mixture of hot weather and speculative timidity. At the week-end Wall Street was none too sure whether the breakdown was a temporary problem which could be repaired by more aggressive demand for stocks, or whether the summer advance had come to an end.

Prices moved during the week against a background of scores of corporate earnings reports which were better—far better in many cases—than had been expected. Also helping to create a favourable atmosphere was a planned rise in steel production schedules and President Harry Truman's request for additional sums to rearm Western Europe.

The market moved up briskly on Monday and on Tuesday reached the peak of its rally and a high since May 19. On Wednesday, though, the market was taken with an attack of speculative indigestion and while trading was comparatively lively, prices fluctuated.

Corporations making high earnings reports included United States Steel, Bethlehem Steel and General Motors.

Large Income
U.S. Steel said that net income for the first half of the year was the largest for any similar six-month period in 20 years. Bethlehem announced its earnings for the first half were the largest for any six months in its history.

General Motors said that in the first six months of this year it earned more, produced more and sold more than at any other time in its history.

The market, of course, is traditionally more concerned with what a given company is going to earn in the future than what it has earned in the past. In the case of General Motors, the prospects are excellent; the high earnings will be maintained for the balance of the year at least.

Closing prices, and changes for the week, of some leading or most active stocks:

U. S. Steel, up 1/4 at 23 1/8.
Bethlehem, up 3/4 at 27 5/8.
General Motors, up 1 3/4 at 61 1/8.
U. S. Rubber, down one at 24 1/2.
Montgomery Ward, down 1/2 at 52.
Anacostia Copper, up 1/4 at 28 1/4.
Dow Chemical, up 1/2 at 47 3/4.
Standard Oil of New Jersey, down 5/8 at 60 1/2.
Bentley Mining, down 1/8 at 2 1/4.—Associated Press.

Conference On Rice Output

Nairobi, July 30.

An inter-territorial conference on rice production in East Africa and territories immediately South of Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia, is expected to open at Tabaka, Tanganyika, in October.

All territories concerned will be asked to send delegates to the conference, which follows the four earlier this year by the rice commission appointed by the British Colonial Office.

The commission's report is not yet published, but it is known to contain plans for effectively increasing the rice acreage to provide greater security in food supply, particularly in territories like Tanganyika and Nyasaland, where the cereal position is frequently difficult.—Reuter.

Airmail for Tabaka: Airmail for Harare, (Reg. and Ord.) Noon.
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Britain's Frustrated Exports

London, July 30.

Millions of dollars worth of British textiles made for export are being diverted to home markets because of inability to sell them overseas, Parliament was told today.

Mr. A. C. Bottomley, Secretary for Overseas Trade, told the House of Commons 85 per cent of the total "frustrated exports" were textiles.

He said £10,000,000 worth of export woollens and worsteds have piled up because buyers cannot be found. Cotton and rayon products being diverted to the home market total £55,000,000, he said.

Unsold exports are diverted to the home market only with the approval of a committee from the Associated British Chambers of Commerce.

Mr. Bottomley said new trade barriers by some importing countries have caused the pile up of export goods. He cited India, Pakistan, Argentina and the Dutch East Indies.—Associated Press.

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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulation, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when dutiable goods are examined.

All damaged cargo claims against the steamer must be presented to the underwriter on or before the 22nd August, 1949, or they will not be recognised.

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Islamic Economic Meeting

London, July 30.

Mr. Ghulam Mohammed, Pakistan's Finance Minister, said here today that the Islamic economic conference to be held in Karachi from November 25 next would lead to a better economic understanding and collaboration among the Moslem countries of the Middle East.

The Pakistan Finance Minister told Reuter that seven Moslem countries had already agreed to send delegations to the conference, which is expected to last a fortnight and will be held on an unofficial level.

The are Afghanistan, Egypt, Persia, Iraq, the Hashimite Kingdom of Jordan, Turkey and Syria. Replies to Pakistan's invitation from other Moslem countries, including the Yemen, Saudi Arabia and Lebanon are still awaited.

About 300 Moslem delegates, technical experts, economists, industrialists and observers will attend the conference, which will be held in conjunction with the International Commerce and Industry Exhibition, due to open in Karachi on the same date. The exhibition will last between one and two months.

No Politics

Mr. Ghulam Mohammed said that the conference, which will decide its own programme and agenda, has no political aspects.

Its main purpose is to enable economists, businessmen and industrialists from Moslem countries to assemble together to plot their ideas for raising better economic collaboration, greater trade and more realistic planning in their respective areas on the basis of mutual co-operation.

"The conference may decide to hold an annual conference in different Moslem countries. It may also establish a permanent secretariat," he added.

The Pakistan Finance Minister said: "There is at present considerable confusion in the matter of Islamic principles to modern economic trends."

"I feel this conference may make a valuable contribution by showing that Islam provides for a very realistic and human system of economic life with social justice as its ideal."—Reuter.

Discussions On Dollar Loans

New Delhi, July 30.

Discussions on dollar loans for some of India's large river valley projects began here today between representatives of the Indian Ministry of Works, Mines and Power, and Mr. A. D. Spotwood, a senior member of the International Bank.

Mr. Spotwood arrived in New Delhi from the United States by air last night and will remain until August 3. He will then leave for Calcutta.

During his stay in New Delhi, Mr. Spotwood will also have discussions with representatives of the last Punjab Government in connection with two river valley projects in the Province of Bhakra and Nangal.—Reuter.

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BY OUR HARBOUR REPORTER

In My Log

To the curious who wonder at the absence of this column last week...

Nature was not very kind recently and the last few days of what was a non-working week saw yours truly counting the seconds in a bad-tempered state after a full day's exposure at Repulse Bay.

However, it's fine to be on the job again!

At last!

Joe and Freda—both of Everett—walked down the aisle at St. Margaret's Church yesterday and reached the Club Lusitano to entertain guests as Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Antonio.

The happy bridegroom's parting remark: Drop in at Repulse Bay to see us, old man!

(As if he really means it!)

He's here again...

This time "Bring 'Em Back Alive" Noel Rosefeldt did not bring ferocious orang outangs or hissing cats. His contingent consists mainly of monkeys, birds and snakes.

But this visit is marked by the first pregnant elephant ever to be shipped to the United States.

Mr. Rosefeldt plans to go hunting again in the Dutch East Indies as soon as his complete list of what he has relative to this shipment.

The trek to the US is again in full swing.

During the week the local office of the American President Line, St. George's Building, was besieged practically everyday from morn to closing time by returnees who booked passage for the States aboard the President Wilson and General Gordon.

A favourite among Chinese students, especially going for further studies in American universities, the General Gordon is due to arrive here on August 4. Bookings on this transport have been very heavy; it is understood.

With the incentive provided by the Communist advance into South China, more people are making inquiries to return to the US.

Ladies on the High Seas...

Ask any of the ladies working aboard the Norwegian motorship Belleville why they go to sea.

The answer is three-fold but unanimous—to be with their husbands, to see the world and to earn more money.

According to Mr. J. Andreasen, master of the ms. Lisholt, this practice of having women aboard ships is a favourable one.

"Norway lacks manpower today especially with the rapid development of her merchant marine fleet when more and more ships are being produced. Women can handle the lighter work better," the veteran Norwegian skipper remarked.

(Perhaps the numerous male unemployed in town will rejoice to hear of some openings aboard local ships made available to our ladies who seem to have infested most offices here!)

Better than anything else...

That we feel sure, was the general consensus among the reinforcements arriving here by the troopship Empire Windrush during the week.

And they meant the bottles of sparkling orange squash specially provided for the parched-dry arrivals.

Who wouldn't think so under the sizzling heat!

(But we did hear someone on the wharf ask—"Wot, no band to welcome the troops this time?")

That reminds me...

If others had thought that the arrival of the Empire Windrush was just "another of those tropicisms" there's at least some one who thought otherwise.

The "importance" of the occasion was recorded by a contemporary newspaper, and the presence of the ship was noted in the Press which was to cover the assignment.

(But perhaps they might have been there "just visiting".)



These haberdashers are lucky enough to locate a favourable spot on the aft deck to display their wares without being in the way. Seen here are Norwegian seamen doing some shopping aboard the ms. Belleville which was lying alongside at Kowloon Wharf during the week. ("China Mail" Photo).

VENDORS HAVE GOOD TRADE ON SHIPS

A common practice, but approved only by certain local shipping agents, is to permit haberdashers to sell aboard their ships in port.

Business is reported unanimously to be very lucrative nowadays as more ocean-going ships are frequenting Hong Kong waters.

Favourite haunts of these vendors are aboard Norwegian, Dutch and Swedish ships. This may be because only agents for such vessels issue periodical permits to sell aboard their ships.

As a rule, however, vendors are taboo on most ships flying the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack.

Permits to board the ships to carry on business are very difficult to obtain. Numerous considerations are taken into account before bona fide applicants are accepted.

Interested parties—and there are many—take great pains in the way of time and expenses to procure one.

The vendors operate aboard a ship as they would ashore. As soon as the Police have completed the routine check-up on an arrival, a scramble for the gangway ensues.

The ship's guards evidently recognise the heavily-burdened vendors and normally let them through with no more than a frown—whether of suspicion or annoyance is very difficult to say.

You can see pig-tailed women with huge cloth bundles on their bent backs gingerly ascending the quivering gangway, hard on the heels of the male vendors. Here and there several teen-aged girls with new perms struggle to get through first with smaller bundles.

Then you notice the men heaving massive camphor-wood boxes up the gangway, which at times sways and creaks dangerously.

Watches And Pans

Finally, a more dignified group—each carrying a large bulky leather bag—follows behind. Some sell watches, fountain pens and jewellery, or some cater for clothes, usually representing some shore tailoring establishments.

Once aboard, the vendors display all over the deck and establish themselves at vantage points.

Business goes on amidst much haggling in different languages and vociferous sales talk.

The bag-carrying salesman roams at will—usually visiting the officers first before taking "chances" with the lower-salaried seamen. Sometimes they are warmly welcomed. But more often than not they receive a cold reception.

"Go away, I'm too busy"—and an officer will brush aside an intruder. Then you know he is no stranger here.

Others will spend some time admiring some "unusual" thing.

CSU 'Hostel'

Since the unprecedented concentration of Chinese ships in port, the Chinese Seamen's Union Office at Hill Road, West Point, has been the scene of much negotiations and a favourite haunt of the waterfront community.

Labour disputes come and go with constant regularity that keep the staff on their toes most of the time.

And today the CSU faces their toughest problem—how to house and maintain some 35 Chinese seamen involved in a labour strife.

Meanwhile, every available space in the CSU Office is being used as a bed space for the disident seamen.

"Wan Tor" Trawler

(Editor's Note:—This is the first of a series of pictorial features to acquaint the general public with the numerous types of small native craft operating in local waters and their varied usages.)

Through the courtesy of the Marine Department, it has been possible to identify the craft individually and obtain the necessary particulars.)

This is the "Wan Tor" East Coast type of deep sea fishing trawler, of which there are about 300 operating in the harbour today to maintain one of the Colony's important sources of food—salted dried fish.

Characteristic features of this craft are the blunt bow, the quaint grass matting sails and the detachable rudder.

The wooden rudder when raised above the water, as seen in the above picture, enables the vessel to sail into shallow waters. When lowered it serves as a keel.

The one in the picture represents the typical type—measuring 50 feet in length with an 18-foot beam and weighing about 1,000 piculs.

The "Wan Tor" normally operate in pairs and fish outside local waters for days. Fifteen persons comprising sometimes three generations of one single family manage the craft.

The catch varies from a "few ounces" to 300-pounds. All are salted and dried for the local markets.

They work in pairs by primitive methods of fishing—still untainted by modern science.

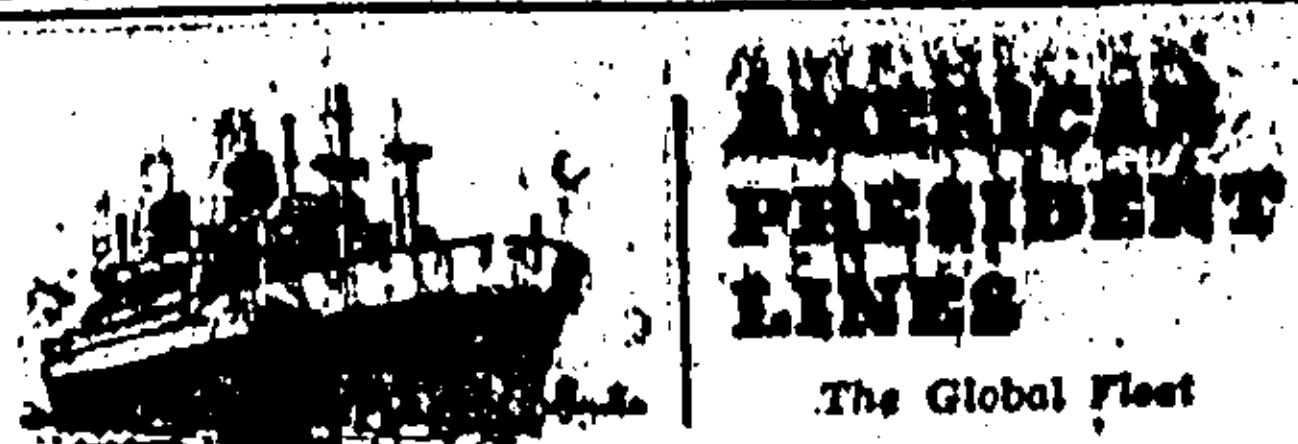


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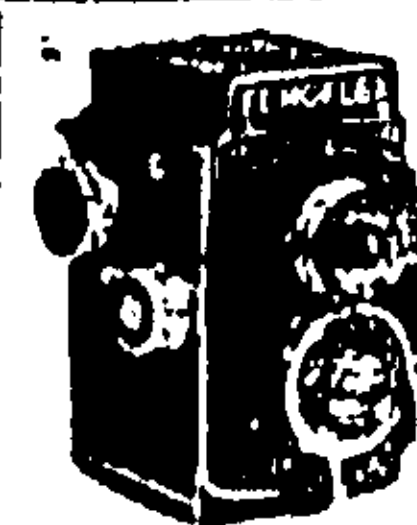
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LOCAL TENNIS LEAGUE NEARING CONCLUSION

(By SERVER)

Most of the events of the Colony Inter-club tennis league are now entering their concluding stages and Clubs are now busy working out their probable final positions in the League tables.

Last week's matches saw the virtual conclusion of two events. By forcing the United Services Recreation Club to a draw in the Ladies' "A" Division fixture, Kowloon Cricket Club enabled the Ladies' Recreation Club now to go through their two remaining games with an easy feeling of having won the championship in this event.

The Peak Club's emergence as the first champions during this year's league season and of its retaining its title for the second year in a fitting honour to an undoubtedly outstanding ladies' tennis club in the Colony. It has produced some of the best lady players seen on the local courts, the most prominent among whom was Miss D. Kent, a lady player of a class by herself.

The Club started this year without the services of most of their last year's stalwarts such as Miss Kent, Standale, Mrs. Dew and Mrs. Elliot, but was just as ably served by Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Sheehan, Mrs. Alexander, and Mrs. Tait, with Mrs. Getz, Mrs. Slater and Mrs. Stroobach, giving them the benefit of their last season's performance.

There is no doubt that many more trophies will be seen in action from this Club, which will continue to take a lead in maintaining and improving the tennis standard of the game in the Colony.

Kowloon Cricket Club was again responsible for another Club winning the championship of another event by its own achievement.

Biggest Surprise

The Club's Mixed Doubles "B" team, comprising one of the biggest surprises of the season, when they battled the powerful CRC side to a draw, and paved the way for the Craigengower Cricket Club to an almost certain championship in the event.

It was generally expected that the Chinese Recreation Club and the Craigengower Cricket Club, having beaten each other once,

would easily win all their remaining games and replay each other for the title.

This s. track makes the likelihood of a replay very slim, although the Valley Club will still have to play the University twice and the Kowloon Cricket Club once more.

One more event will be decided tomorrow, when the Craigengower Ladies' "B" team meets the Ladies' Recreation Club at the Valley. With already one victory over their rivals for this Division's honours, the Valley Club ladies have been practising hard for this key match, as a win will give them a possible second championship for the first time in the history of the Club in the Colony tennis league.

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A Neutral Court

As most of the Colony's leading players will be seen in action in this encounter, the suggestion has been put forward that the two matches be played on a neutral central court, such as the Hong Kong Cricket Club and that a gate-collection be made for the Association Fund, which may be used for the running of the Inter-school and Junior Leagues.

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League Standings

MEN'S "A" DIVISION									
	P	W	L	D	A	Pts			
CRC	4	4	0	0	0	16			
SCAA	4	0	4	0	0	0			
KCC	4	0	4	0	0	0			
USRC	4	0	4	0	0	0			
HKCC	4	0	4	0	0	0			

LADIES' "A" DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	A	Pts
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USRC	4	0	4	0	0	0

County Cricket League Standings

The positions in the English County cricket championship table today are as follows—

	P	W	L	D	No decision	1st Inn. lead	Points
Middlesex	18	9	0	9	0	0	128
Worcestershire	17	8	5	4	0	1	110
Warwickshire	18	8	3	0	1	0	116
Yorkshire	17	7	2	8	0	0	104
Glamorgan	18	6	2	9	1	2	104
Gloucestershire	18	7	4	5	0	0	100
Northamptonshire	17	7	0	5	0	2	100
Essex	18	6	4	8	0	0	88
Derbyshire	17	5	8	3	1	1	72
Kent	18	5	10	3	0	1	68
Nottinghamshire	18	4	4	9	1	1	56
Sussex	18	4	4	4	2	1	56
Somerset	18	4	14	0	0	0	52
Lancashire	18	3	0	9	1	1	40
Hampshire	18	3	8	4	1	3	40
Leicestershire	18	2	9	4	1	3	36

Batting, Bowling Averages

The first ten in the batting and bowling averages are—

Batting:		Inns.	Outs.	Runs	Highest	Average
J. Hardstaff (Notts)	27	0	1523	162	not out	72.52
John Langridge (Sussex)	38	5	2315	234	not out	70.15
R. Simpson (Notts)	31	0	1724	230		68.96
W. Kepton (Notts)	24	1	1542	208		67.04
L. Hutton (Yorkshire)	36	5	2043	201		65.90
M. Donnelly (N.Z. land)	31	6	1523	200		61.04
C. Washbrook (Lancashire)	19	1	847	141		56.46
D. Insale (Essex)	24	6	980	219	not out	54.77
G. Dawes (Hampshire)	13	3	794	158	not out	52.63
G. Doggart (Sussex)	30	5	1315	219	not out	52.00

Bowling:		O	M	R	W	Average
A. Kirdar (Warwickshire)	553.1	223	1034	61	10.95	
D. Wright (Kent)	452.3	88	1580	93	10.98	
L. Jackson (Derbyshire)	603.1	187	1533	90	17.03	
J. Laker (Surrey)	743.1	282	1382	75	18.42	
R. Hordath (Worcester)	721.1	245	1510	84	18.57	
T. Goddard (Gloucester)	603.2	212	2213	115	19.24	
C. Gladwin (Derbyshire)	630.1	180	1442	74	19.48	
L. Manner (Glamorgan)	785.3	234	1793	92	19.48	
H. Hazell (Somerset)	580.3	201	1319	67	19.68	
J. Young (Middlesex)	932.4	355	1765	88	20.05	

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Liberation Shield Series

Kowloon Cricket Club increased their previous lead of 46 shots over the Kowloon Bowling Green Club by a further 44 shots in the annual Liberation Shield series as a result of the second game played yesterday.

The Cricket Club registered wins on five rinks and the Bowling Green Club on three.

W. C. Simpson's rink gave the Bowling Club their greatest margin of 14 shots, while on the KCC side F. E. Skinner's four gave their Club a substantial lead with a 33-9 win over the rink skipped by A. L. G. Eastman.

A thrilling finish was seen in the game between the rinks skipped by H. A. Lammer and E. C. Fincher. Fincher's rink was down 5-14 at the 11th head but by consistent play continually reduced their deficit to 17-21 by the 20th head. A brilliant five in the last head gave them a hard-fought win by a single shot.

J. Fraser's Bowling Club rink staged a grand recovery when they got the better of T. Lock's KCC rink by 23 shots to 20. Down 8-15 at the 12th head they went on to score on six of the remaining nine heads to win by the narrow margin of three shots.

The third and final game of the series will take place on Sunday October 8.

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